



M. Margaret McKeown
United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit

Judge McKeown was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1998. She holds a J.D. and an honorary doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center. Before her appointment, Judge McKeown was the first female partner at Perkins Coie in Seattle and Washington, D.C., and served as a White House Fellow.

Judge McKeown is a member of the US Judicial Conference Judicial Conduct and Disability Committee and former chair of the US Judicial Conference Codes of Conduct Committee. She chairs the Ninth Circuit Workplace Environment Committee and is a member of the National Workplace Conduct Working Group. She is on the Council of the American Law Institute, the Judicial Advisory Board of the American Society of International Law, and the editorial board of *Litigation* magazine. Judge McKeown is past President of the Federal Judges Association and past chair of the ABA Commission on the 19th Amendment.

Judge McKeown is immediate past chair of the ABA Rule of Law Initiative and a current special advisor. She has lectured throughout the world on international law, human rights law, intellectual property, litigation, ethics, judicial administration, and constitutional law and has participated in numerous rule of law initiatives with judges and lawyers.

Judge McKeown is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and received the ABA Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement award, the ABA John Marshall Award, and the Girl Scouts Cool Woman Award, among others.

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Nominated by William J. Clinton on January 7, 1997, to a seat vacated by Joseph Jerome Farris.

Confirmed by the Senate on March 27, 1998, and received commission on April 8, 1998.

Education:

University of Wyoming, B.A., 1972

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1975

Professional Career:

Private practice, Seattle, Washington, 1975-1998

Special assistant to the secretary of the interior and special assistant at the White House, 1980-1981