

***The Honorable M. Margaret McKeown***  
***United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit***

Judge McKeown was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton and was confirmed by the United States Senate in 1998.

She was born in Casper, Wyoming. She attended the University of Madrid and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Wyoming with a B.A. in 1972 and from Georgetown University Law Center with a J.D. in 1975. She received an honorary doctorate from Georgetown University in 2005. Judge McKeown was a White House Fellow in 1980-1981, serving as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior and Special Assistant at the White House. In 1993, she served as a Japan Society Leadership Fellow.

After law school, Judge McKeown joined the law firm of Perkins Coie and was a partner in the Seattle and Washington, D.C. offices before joining the bench. The Seattle-King County Bar Association honored her with its Outstanding Lawyer of the Year Award and she was named by the *National Law Journal* as one of “the 50 Most Influential Women Lawyers” in the United States. She has received a number of other awards, including the University of Wyoming A&S Outstanding Alumna, the Georgetown University Law Center Outstanding Alumnae Award, the Outstanding Mentor Award from Big Sisters, the Federal Bar Association Community Service Award, and the Girl Scouts’ “Cool Women” Award.

Judge McKeown serves as chair of the Judicial Conference of the United States Codes of Conduct Committee. She also is the Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements. She serves on the ABA World Justice Project Commission, the board of the Federal Judges Association, the Advisory Board of the American Judicature Society, the American Society for International Law Judicial Advisory Board, and as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She is a member of the American Law Institute. Judge McKeown previously served as President of the Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington, a member of the Ninth Circuit Gender Bias Task Force, Co-President of Washington Women Lawyers, and a member of the ABA House of Delegates.

Judge McKeown is the Jurist in Residence and an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego Law School. She has lectured and taught extensively overseas, including China, Europe, and Latin America. A frequent participant in legal seminars on judicial ethics, international law, litigation, computer law, and intellectual property, Judge McKeown is co-author of “Trial Tactics in Trade Secret Litigation,” *Intellectual Property Counseling and Litigation* (Matthew Bender), “The Promises of a New World Information Order,” *The Knowledge Economy* (Aspen Institute), and “The Lost Sanctuary: Examining Sex Trafficking Through the Lens of *Ah Sou*” (Cornell Journal of International Law). She is also an author of *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts* (West Group).

Judge McKeown has been active in community and civic affairs. She is on the board of the La Jolla Music Society and served on the National Board of Volunteers of America. She has served on the National Board of Volunteers of America and Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. She is the past chair of the White House Fellows Foundation.

Judge McKeown is married to Peter F. Cowhey, Dean of the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California at San Diego. They have a daughter, Megan.