

**THE HONORABLE ANN O'REGAN KEARY
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Judge Ann O'Regan Keary was appointed to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1992 by President George H.W. Bush.

Judge Keary was born in Boston, Massachusetts, where she attended public schools and graduated from the Girls' Latin School. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Wellesley College in 1971, where she was a Wellesley College Scholar, and her law degree, with honors, from the George Washington University National Law Center in 1974.

After graduation, Judge Keary served as judicial clerk to the Honorable Joyce Hens Green, then on the Superior Court for the District of Columbia bench. In 1976, she joined the Office of Legal Advisor (general counsel) at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital. In 1984, Judge Keary was appointed Chief of the Office and subsequently acted as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the handling of mental health litigation conducted by the Office. From 1984 to 1987, Judge Keary served as the Saint Elizabeth's Hospital liaison to the District of Columbia Mental Health System Reorganization Office, charged with the development of the District's new mental health delivery system. She received a special recognition award from the U.S. Public Health Service for her work in the transfer of St. Elizabeth's Hospital from the federal to the District of Columbia government, which occurred in 1987. At that time, Judge Keary was appointed Deputy Corporation Counsel for the newly created Mental Health Division with the Office of Corporation Counsel (now the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia), a position she held until her appointment to the bench in 1992.

Throughout her career Judge Keary has been active in legal and judicial educational activities. She has lectured frequently on issues related to law and psychiatry to legal and professional groups both in the District and on a national level. She has also published writings on issues related to criminal law and its interface with psychiatry and was a guest lecturer on health law at the George Washington University National Law Center from 1985-1990.

Since being appointed to the bench in 1992, Judge Keary has served in Criminal, Civil and Family assignments at the court, and has been active in court administration functions as well. From 2007 through 2009, Judge Keary was Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division, having previously been the Deputy Presiding Judge in 2005 and 2006. Additionally, from 2001 to 2007, she co-chaired the D.C. Courts' Strategic Planning Leadership Council which produced the Courts' Strategic Plans, in 2003 and 2007.

Judge Keary is the chairperson of the court's Pre-Trial Mental Examination Committee and the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Rules Advisory Committee and, in 2007 was instrumental in the development of the Court's Mental Health Diversion Court. In 2007, Judge Keary received a "Heroes in the Fight" award from the D.C. Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness for her advocacy for services for the mentally ill, and in 2009 was honored by the Mental Health Association for the District of Columbia with a Champion Award for her work in mental health advocacy.

Judge Keary is married to Thomas J. Keary, a civil rights attorney, and they have three children.