

**THE HONORABLE ANN O'REGAN KEARY
SENIOR 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 the President, and was reappointed for a second 15 year term in 2007. In 2015 she became a Senior Judge.

Since becoming a judge, 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, she served as Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division and for two years before that, as the Division's Deputy Presiding Judge. She served for several years in the homicide ("Felony-I") and other violent crime calendars presiding over lengthy and complicated felony trials, many of which included multiple co-defendants. She has been very involved in judicial training activities and in improving the administration of justice throughout her career on the bench. In 2007, she developed, along with other judicial colleagues, the Superior Court's Mental Health diversion court program. From 2012 through 2014, she served as the presiding judge of this court, now named the Mental Health Community Court. Until becoming Senior, she served as the chairperson of the court's Pre-Trial Mental Examination Committee, the co-chair of the Mental Health and Mental Habilitation Rules Advisory Committee, and for many years co-chaired the Courts' Strategic Planning Leadership Council.

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.

Throughout her career Judge Keary has been active in legal 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 lecturer on health law issues at the George Washington University National Law Center from 1985-1990. In 2015, her article about her experience as a mental health court judge was published in the American Bar Association's Judges' Journal.

Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Keary served as the legal counsel to the District of Columbia's public mental health delivery system. She is the recipient of 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.

She is an honors graduate of George Washington University Law School and of Wellesley College, where she received her B.A. She and her husband, Thomas Keary, a civil rights attorney, have three children.