

Mary A. McLaughlin

Born: 1946, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Federal Judicial Service:**

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Nominated by William J. Clinton on March 9, 2000, to a seat vacated by Marvin Katz.

Confirmed by the Senate on May 24, 2000, and received commission on May 31, 2000.

Assumed senior status on November 18, 2013.

Service terminated on July 1, 2020, due to retirement.

**Other Federal Judicial Service:**

Judge, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, 2008-2015

**Education:**

Gwynedd-Mercy College, B.A., 1968

Bryn Mawr College, M.A., 1969

University of Pennsylvania Law School (now Carey Law School), J.D., 1976

**Professional Career:**

Law Clerk, Hon. Stanley Brotman, U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey: 1976-1977

Private Practice: 1977-1980

Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Columbia: 1980-1984

Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University School of Law: 1984-1986

Private Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 1986-2000

Adjunct Professor, University of Pennsylvania Law School: 1988

Adjunct Professor, Rutgers University School of Law: 1989

Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Government, U.S. Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: 1995

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Judicial Biography

Judge McLaughlin received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gwynedd-Mercy College in 1968, a Master of Arts from Bryn Mawr College in 1969, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1976. She was a law clerk for Judge Stanley Seymour Brotman from 1976 to 1977, and went on to work in private practice from 1977 to 1980. She was an Assistant United States Attorney of the United States Attorney's office for the District of Columbia from 1980 to 1984 and was an assistant professor at the Vanderbilt University School of Law from 1984 to 1986.

After leaving Vanderbilt, McLaughlin returned to private practice for fourteen years, during which time she served as a partner at the law firm of Dechert LLP. She also completed stints as an adjunct professor at both the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University law schools. In 1995, McLaughlin was appointed chief counsel to the Senate Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Government (a subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee).

Judge McLaughlin was nominated by President William J. Clinton on March 9, 2000, for a seat on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She was confirmed by the Senate on May 24, 2000, and received her commission on May 31, 2000. She simultaneously served a 2008 to 2015 term on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

Judge McLaughlin took senior status on November 18, 2013, and retired from the court on July 1, 2020.