

BIOGRAPHY

Cathy A. Catterson

Circuit and Court of Appeals Executive for the Ninth Circuit



Ms. Catterson is the Circuit and Court of Appeals Executive for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, headquartered in San Francisco, California. She was appointed on December 5, 2007 to her current position. The Office of the Circuit Executive provides professional support to the judicial council and courts of the Ninth Circuit. Prior to her current appointment, Ms. Catterson served as Clerk of Court/Court of Appeals Executive for the Ninth Circuit. In maintaining her position as Court of Appeals Executive, she serves as the chief administrative officer for the Court, and she provides administrative, operational and automation support to a 49 -judge court; responsible for processing of approximately 13,000+ cases annually; managerial responsibility for staff of 300+ including divisional clerk's offices in Pasadena, Portland and Seattle, staff attorneys and circuit court mediators.

Ms. Catterson served as Chief Deputy Clerk prior to her appointment as Clerk in 1985. She also was a law clerk to the Honorable Edward J. Devitt, U.S. District Judge, 1977-1979. In that capacity, she provided staff support to the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Attorney Admission Standards. She also served as legislative secretary/staff assistant to the Honorable Jacob K. Javits, United States Senator, from 1971-1977.

Ms. Catterson received her B.A. degree from the Catholic University of America and her J.D. degree from George Mason University.

Ms. Catterson has served on numerous national committees involving federal appellate court administration, and regularly participates in CLE programs throughout the Ninth Circuit. She has also served, as a consultant in judicial administration, to the Supreme Courts of Israel, India, Guam, and Thailand, as well as the European Court for Human Rights.