

The Honorable Theodore A. McKee

Judge Theodore A. McKee was born June 5, [1947](#), in a rural community near Rochester, New York. His mother, Etta V. Payne, was a school worker and his father, Clarence V. McKee, worked as a waiter on the New York Central Railroad. Judge McKee attended State University of New York at Cortland, where he was active in student government and played football, graduating in [1969](#). Prior to attending law school, Judge McKee served as the Director of Minority Recruitment and Admissions for the State University of New York at Binghamton. In 1972, Judge McKee entered Syracuse University College of Law. He graduated in 1975 magna cum laude and was awarded several academic honors including Order of the Coif.

After two years at the law firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen in Philadelphia, Judge McKee served as an Assistant United States Attorney, Deputy Solicitor to the Law Department of the City of Philadelphia, and General Counsel to the Philadelphia Parking Authority. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Judge McKee's work included prosecuting cases of public corruption, investigating police brutality and assisting in the prosecution of Philadelphia homicide detectives charged with civil rights violations. Judge McKee served as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania for more than a decade, and he chaired the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission for four of those years. In 1994, President Clinton appointed Judge McKee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

His deep commitment to social justice continues to find expression in his judicial and public interest work. He serves as an Advisor to the American Law Institute project to rewrite the Articles of the Model Penal Code that address sentencing. He also serves on the board of directors of several non profit organizations, including Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple University, and City Year Greater Philadelphia. Judge McKee has also served on the boards of the Crime Prevention Association ("Caring People Alliance") and been active in Concerned Black Men, both of which help direct urban youth away from crime, New Directions for Women, which provides female offenders with drug rehabilitation, education, and job counseling, and the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation.

In addition to his many other commitments, Judge McKee taught trial advocacy at Rutgers University School of Law in Camden from 1980 to 1991. He has also maintained a disciplined interest in karate for the past 35 years, and is an avid reader of non quantitative books on physics and

quantum theory. Judge McKee is married to Ana Luisa Pujols, a Philadelphia internist, and is the proud parent of two daughters.

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