

BUSINESS LEADERS FORUM

The forum will be held in the **Garden Room** instead of the Congress Room

Professor John McKay



With the November election being over, we thought it would be beneficial to have some expert commentary from a man who worked in the heart of the political world for many years. With that, we are very excited to have Seattle University Law professor, John McKay, as our speaker this month.

John McKay joined the faculty of Seattle University in January, 2007. He teaches Constitutional Law of Terrorism and National Security Law, among other courses.

President George W. Bush nominated Prof. McKay to serve as the United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington on September 19, 2001, and the United States Senate confirmed his nomination on October 24, 2001. He began his tenure as United States Attorney on October 30, 2001, and resigned along with eight other U.S. Attorneys in January, 2007.

Prof. McKay is a Seattle native who grew up on Capitol Hill. He attended the University of Washington, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 1978. After working as an aide to Congressman Joel Pritchard he earned his law degree at Creighton University in 1982. He was admitted to the Washington State Bar and joined the Seattle law firm Lane Powell in 1982. During this time, he was admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

From 1989 to 1990, Prof. McKay served as a White House Fellow, where he worked as a Special Assistant to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. Prof. McKay then returned to Seattle and joined the law firm of Cairncross & Hempelmann.

Between 1997 and 2001, Prof. McKay served as the President of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) in Washington, D.C. Congress established the LSC in 1974 as a private, non-profit corporation to ensure equal access to justice under the law for all low-income Americans. Prof. McKay's tenure at LSC was characterized by a bipartisan approach to working with Congress, driven by a deeply held commitment to the principle of equal justice.

During his legal career, Prof. McKay has taken on leadership responsibilities with the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Washington State Bar Association. He has been a member of both the ABA Board of Governors and House of Delegates, and has served on the Washington State Bar Association's task forces on Opportunities for Minorities in the Legal Profession and on Governance.

In 1995, the Washington State Bar Association named him *Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year*; in 2001 he received the Association's *Award of Merit*, its highest honor, and following his dismissal as U.S. Attorney, the *Courageous Award* in 2007. In February, 2008, John McKay, along with his brother Mike, was awarded the prestigious *Charles A. Goldmark Award for Distinguished Service* for his contributions to equal access to justice for all by the Legal Foundation of Washington.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, November 17th. Please RSVP to Kaila Trout at 206-343-2323 or via email at kt trout@mcmnw.com.

Sincerely,
John W. Meisenbach

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