

## **Katherine L. Garrett**

### **Biographical Sketch**

Katia Garrett is a public interest lawyer and social justice advocate who has worked in the District of Columbia since her 1985 graduation from George Washington University Law School. Following a clerkship with U.S. District Judge Thomas F. Hogan (DDC), she worked as a courtroom lawyer with the plaintiffs' civil rights and employment law firm of Kator, Scott & Heller.

Ms. Garrett served as the Executive Director of the DC Circuit's Task Force on Gender, Race & Ethnic Bias, and subsequently held positions within the US Department of Justice, including as Chief of Staff to Eleanor D. Acheson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Policy Development.

She served for over eight years as the Executive Director of the DC Bar Foundation, the largest funder of civil legal services in the District, launching the successful DC Poverty Lawyer Loan Repayment Assistance Program and the DC Access to Justice Grants Program.

Katia has taught as an adjunct at both the Washington College of Law at American University and at George Washington University Law School, and has worked as a consultant on class actions, dispute resolution, and non-profit management.

Her community service includes terms as the President and Board member of the Washington Council of Lawyers, the Chair of the DC Circuit Judicial Conference Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services, the Board of the National Association of IOLTA Programs, and as a Complaint Examiner for the DC Office of Police Complaints. Katia was named Woman Lawyer of the Year in 2012 by the Women's Bar Association of DC.

She lives in the District with her husband and two children, both of whom attend DC Public Schools.