James F. McKeown

Jim was a senior partner in the Intellectual Property Group in the D.C. office of Crowell & Moring LLP until his retirement at the end of 2010 and served on that firm's Professional Responsibility Committee. Prior to joining Crowell & Moring in 2001, he had been a founding partner of Evenson, McKeown, Edwards & Lenahan which specialized in intellectual property law.

He received his undergraduate degree from the City College of New York, a J.D. degree from the Catholic University Columbus School of Law and an LLM degree in Patent and Trade Regulation Law from the George Washington University School of Law. He is a member of the bars of the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Prior to beginning his practice in the IP law field as a patent examiner, he was a member of the Johnson & Johnson Management Training Program in New Brunswick, New Jersey. During his career, he was involved in patent, trademark and copyright litigation in district courts throughout the country as well as in the International Trade Commission. His practice involved administrative proceedings in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, patent prosecution and counseling. He has also been consulted and retained as an expert witness in connection with professional liability issues involving practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In 2000-2001, he served as President of The Bar Association of the District of Columbia and had previously served as its Treasurer and Chair of its Patent, Trademark & Copyright Section. He has served on the Board of the Federal Circuit Bar Association and was Co-Chair and then sole Chair of that association's Amicus Committee.

He served for two terms as a member of the D.C. Bar Attorney-Client Arbitration Board and has arbitrated fee disputes for over 20 years. He is currently also serving s a mediator in the Dispute Resolution Program for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and most recently was approved to serve as a volunteer mediator for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

In recent years, Jim has been actively involved in pro bono activities such as Catholic Charities' Archdiocesan Legal Network , the D.C. Superior Court's Family Court Self-Help Center and Landlord-Tenant Resource Center, the American Constitution Society's Constitution in the Classroom program, and in serving as a judge for moot court competitions sponsored by the American Bar Association and local law schools.

He is currently serving as the Chair of the Federal Circuit Historical Society's lecture series committee which schedules speakers for programs held in the Spring and Fall at the Dolley Madison House in the Howard T. Markey National Court Building complex. He is also a member of the Supreme Court Historical Society.