

Carolyn Dineen King
Short Biography

Judge King is a native of Syracuse, New York. She graduated from Smith College summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa in 1959 and from Yale Law School in 1962. Following her graduation from law school, Judge King moved to Houston where she was engaged in the private practice of law until 1979, focusing primarily on corporate and federal securities law. In 1979 she was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit by President Jimmy Carter, and she continues to serve on that court. Judge King was the Chief Judge of the Fifth Circuit from 1999 through 2006. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist appointed Judge King to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States from 2000 to 2005 and to chair the committee from October 2002 to 2005. Judge King has been a member of the Council of the American Law Institute since 1991, and was an adviser to the Products Liability Restatement and to the Transnational Insolvency Project. Judge King is married to fellow Circuit Judge Thomas M. Reavley. She has three sons and one granddaughter.