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## In Memoriam: Judy McKelvey

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# Judy McKelvey

(1935-2014)



Judy McKelvey-Shaw passed away on August 10 after an extended illness. Judy was born and brought up in Wauwatosa, WI. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin and subsequently from their Law School in 1959. As a newly minted attorney, McKelvey moved to Washington, DC to work for the Federal Communications Commission.

After several years of FCC work, and marriage to Stuart McKelvey, McKelvey and her husband moved to San Francisco in 1968. While studying for the California Bar, she began teaching at Golden Gate University School of Law, where she remained through 2000. McKelvey became Dean of the Law School in 1974 and served in that capacity through 1981 — the second woman in the US to become dean a law school accredited by the American Bar Association. She was an outstanding role model for women in the professions and actively recruited female candidates as law students and law faculty.

During Dean McKelvey's tenure, the percentage of women entering law school rose dramatically, a new Law Library was built,

and GGU achieved national status, including Association of American Law Schools accreditation. During this time, McKelvey also helped form California Women Lawyers in 1974, serving as its president in 1975-1976. As a peer stated, "No one did more to advance women, either in legal education or in the practice of law, than Judy McKelvey." After stepping down from the deanship, she continued teaching until her retirement in 2000.

McKelvey is survived by her longtime partner and husband, Dr. Robert Shaw, his four children and their families, two sisters Jaye Stedman and Joyce Zimmerman, and by several nieces and nephews.

For those lucky enough to have had Judy in their lives, that enrichment will never be forgotten.

Contributions in Judy's memory may be made to Golden Gate University School of Law Judith McKelvey Scholarship Fund.

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