



HOLLY J. MITCHELL

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR ♦ 2ND DISTRICT

Chief of Staff – Fredericka McGee, Esq. Bio

Fredericka McGee, Esq. began serving as Chief of Staff for Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell in February 2021. Ms. McGee ensures the timely and effective completion of policies and initiatives through an equity lens. She is a strategic advisor to the Supervisor and senior deputy staff. She also manages team operations, including personnel, administrative, budget, and constituent engagement matters. She also creates and maintains processes to streamline operations to best serve the needs of the 2nd Supervisorial District.

Prior to that she was the Vice President of California Government Affairs & Operations for the American Beverage Association. In that capacity, she oversaw state, local public policy and regulatory activities, coordinated strategy for statewide operations and community outreach on behalf of non-alcoholic beverage companies.

Ms. McGee formerly served as deputy chief of staff and general counsel to California State Assembly Speakers Toni G. Atkins and John A. Pérez and general counsel to Speakers Karen Bass, Fabian Núñez and Antonio Villaraigosa. Her portfolio included coordinating Assembly litigation, developing staff training and retention programs, managing the Speaker's constituent affairs unit, and overseeing the state court budget and judiciary policy. She shepherded significant public policy related to judicial diversity, mortgage foreclosure safety measures, legal representation for unaccompanied undocumented minors, 1st Amendment protections for online reviews, and safeguards for victims of domestic violence.

She has received several awards including recently receiving the 2019 Frances Newell Carr Award from Women Lawyers of Sacramento and being named Sacramento County Bar Association's 2016 Distinguished Lawyer of the Year. In 2015 she was recognized by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Sacramento, the Yvonne Brathwaite Burke Award from the California Legislative Black Caucus, the Sacramento Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business Award, the Wiley Manuel Bar Association named her the 2013 Attorney of the Year and The Recorder named her one of 40 Women Leaders in the Law for 2012 for her networking skills. In 2011, the California Legislative Black Caucus awarded her the Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Leadership Award and she was identified as one of the Top 100 Political Warriors by the Capitol Weekly. She received the Wiley Manuel Law Foundation's 2008 Diversity on

the Bench award, the 2008 Lawyer of the Year award from California Association of Black Lawyers and also named California Lawyer's Attorney of the Year and one of the Daily Journal's Top 100 Lawyers of 2007.

Since late 2008, she has been a member of Senator Dianne Feinstein's Federal Judicial Nomination Evaluation Advisory Committee for the Eastern District of California which recommends applicants for U.S. District Court Judge, U.S. Attorney, and U.S. Marshal who are ultimately forwarded to the President. She was also appointed by Senator Laphonza Butler to serve in the same capacity for the advisory committee for the Central District of California.

Ms. McGee has a vast background in state politics and has served in various legislative positions. Prior to her career as a public servant, Ms. McGee practiced as a defense litigation attorney with Murtaugh, Miller, Meyer & Nelson of Orange County where she handled personal injury, bankruptcy and employment cases. Before attending law school, she served as Sr. District Assistant to the late Congressman Glenn M. Anderson of Long Beach.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism with a minor in Marketing from California State University, Long Beach. She later received her Juris Doctorate degree and was voted the Faculty's Most Outstanding Student from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

Ms. McGee is a member of the California State Bar where she previously served on the Council on Access & Fairness, the 2015 Mentoring Task Force, and as a probation monitor and mentor for the Bar's Volunteers on Parole program. She has worked with several youth programs, acted as a mock trial judge and taught paralegal courses. She is also the founding president of the Black Youth Leadership Project, Inc., a non-profit organization which offers interactive legislative and debate programs to African American high school students throughout California. She was in the 2005 class of Leadership California and was part of the 2015 class of American Leadership Forum. McGee has served on the board of the Wiley Manuel Bar Association of Sacramento for several years in many capacities, including as President.

McGee is a native of Long Beach, California and proud to return to her Southern California roots to lead as Chief of Staff for Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell.