

BETTY B. FLETCHER
Circuit Judge
United States Court of Appeals
for the Ninth Circuit
Seattle, Washington

Judge Betty B. Fletcher of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit was appointed to her current post by President Carter and was confirmed by the Senate of the United States in 1979. She took Senior status November 1, 1998, but continues to sit, carrying a full calendar load. She is an honors graduate of Stanford University and graduated first in her class from the University of Washington School of Law. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Order of the Coif. She was a partner in a major law firm in Seattle, Washington, now Preston, Gates & Ellis, for many years before becoming a judge. She was president of the Seattle-King County Bar Association, a member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar Association, and a member of the Ethics Committee of the American Bar Association. She was also active in civic and civil rights activities. She has been a member of the Board of Visitors of Stanford University and the University of Washington's schools of law, and for many years served as chair of the state or district committees for the selection of Rhodes Scholars.

She is a past president of the Federal Judges Association, a national voluntary organization of Article III judges and serves currently on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee, a former member of the American Bar Association's Judges' Advisory Committee to the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, and currently is an Advisor to the American Law Institute on the Restatement of Law Governing Lawyers. She is a recipient of a 1992 ABA Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. She delivered New York University's 1994 Madison Lecture.

She is married to Professor Robert L. Fletcher, emeritus professor of the Law School, University of Washington. They have four children, Susan Fletcher French, Professor of Law, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA); William A. Fletcher, former Professor of Law Boalt Hall, University of California at Berkeley now a Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Katherine Fletcher, Executive Director of People for Puget Sound, a nonprofit environmental organization; Paul R. Fletcher, M.D., a family practitioner and medical director of Group Health of Puget Sound.