THE HONORABLE JOHN M. STEADMAN SENIOR JUDGE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

Judge John M. Steadman was appointed to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 1985 by President Ronald Reagan. He assumed Senior Judge status in October 2004.

Judge Steadman was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He graduated from Yale College with a Bachelor of Arts in 1952 and earned his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1955, where he served as an editor of the Harvard Law Review.

Judge Steadman was awarded a Sinclair-Kennedy Traveling Fellowship from 1955 to 1956. From 1956 to 1963, he was an associate with the San Francisco law firm of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro. In the fall of 1963, Judge Steadman moved to Washington, D.C., to take a position in the Office of Legal Counsel of the United States Department of Justice. Thereafter, he served as Deputy Undersecretary of the Army, International Affairs, from 1964 to 1965, the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense from 1965 to 1968, and General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force from 1968 to 1970.

Upon leaving government service, Judge Steadman was a visiting Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School from 1970 to 1972 and a Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center from 1972 to 1985. He was also Associate Academic Dean at Georgetown from 1978 to 1984. Among the many courses that he taught during his academic career were Property, Commercial Law, Government Contracts, Administrative Law, and Local Government Law.

While on the Court, Judge Steadman has served on numerous committees, including the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct, the Court Technology Committee, the Library Committee, and the Planning Committee for the Judicial Conference. For many years, Judge Steadman also served as a court liaison to the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law.

Judge Steadman has been married to Alison S. Lunt of Wilmington, Delaware, since April 8, 1961. They have three children and five grandchildren.