

Kate McNamara

In May of 2006, Ms. McNamara was appointed Director of the Port of Philadelphia and Camden, a department of the Delaware River Port Authority. As Director, Ms. McNamara oversees all strategic planning and operations for the Philadelphia Cruise Terminal and the Riverlink Ferry System, as well as all marketing and program development for CruisePhilly.

Before becoming Director of the Port of Philadelphia & Camden, Ms. McNamara was Assistant General Counsel to the Delaware River Port Authority. In this role, Ms. McNamara was principal counsel to the Port of Philadelphia and Camden, with responsibility for all operating, real estate, construction, and marketing agreements associated with the Philadelphia Cruise Terminal and the Riverlink Ferry. On behalf of the Port of Philadelphia and Camden, Ms. McNamara negotiated the legal framework for a pilot program to use dredge material for mine reclamation projects, as well as coordinated federal grant financing for ferry boat procurement and maritime projects. In addition, Ms. McNamara represented the Delaware River Port Authority and its subsidiary, the Port Authority Transit Corporation, in a broad array of other matters, including the establishment of non-profit corporations for the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia and the Independence Harbor Corporation, implementation of an intellectual property program and real estate task force, labor negotiations and employment matters, and a variety of economic development projects in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey.

Ms. McNamara started her career as an Associate Attorney at the law firm of Sheller, Ludwig & Badey, where she focused on civil litigation in the areas of product design and medical malpractice. She also worked extensively on tobacco class action litigation in Pennsylvania, as well as tobacco class actions in other states.

She currently serves on the Boards of the Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River & Bay and the Friends of the Free Library, as well as the Steering Committee for the Broad Street Transit Extension. Ms. McNamara is also a member of the bar in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey.

Ms. McNamara received her bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and her juris doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. She and her husband, Patrick Harvey, live in Philadelphia with their two children.

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