

Bio for S. Wyeth McAdam

Ms. McAdam is the second Independent Police Investigator at the BART Office of the Independent Auditor (OIPA). Prior to joining OIPA, Ms. McAdam worked for over 20 years as an attorney. She is an accomplished public service attorney with significant investigation experience. Ms. McAdam joined OIPA from the Social Security Administration (SSA), where she served as an Assistant Regional Counsel for the San Francisco's Office of General Counsel (OGC) from 2017-2021. OGC is SSA's national law firm. At OGC, Ms. McAdam investigated civil rights complaints against SSA and allegations of disability claimants' representatives' misconduct. Ms. McAdam resolved most civil rights complaints informally to the complainants' satisfaction and educated SSA staff on corrective action where appropriate. She assessed whether representatives violated SSA's regulations and policies concerning representatives' affirmative duties and prohibited conduct. Ms. McAdam also prosecuted attorney representatives where there was a factual and legal basis to sanction them. Last, Ms. McAdam served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Department of Justice in multiple jurisdictions, defending the Commissioner of Social Security in federal court litigation.

Ms. McAdam is a dedicated public servant. Before joining OGC, Ms. McAdam worked in a variety of public service positions including a judicial clerkship for the Massachusetts Appeals Court; public defender for the Massachusetts Committee of Public Counsel Services; Supervising Attorney and Staff Attorney for California Indian Legal Services, Oakland; and Judicial Research Attorney for the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, Oakland.

Ms. McAdam graduated from Hampshire College and received her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law. She is originally from New York City, attended a Quaker school, and enjoys quilting. She lives in Alameda with her spouse and two children.