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Paul N. "Pete" McCloskey, Jr., a partner at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, is considered to be one of the country's great trial lawyers, as well as a great public servant and war hero.

A renowned attorney who has tried over 100 jury trials, Pete began his law career as Deputy District Attorney for Alameda County, and then as the founding partner in the law firm of McCloskey, Wilson & Mosher, which evolved into the firm of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati.

During his law career, Pete served as President of the Palo Alto Bar Association, President of the Conference of Barristers of the State Bar of California, and as a Trustee of the Santa Clara Bar Association.

Pete received his B.A. from Stanford University and his J.D. from Stanford Law School. He has written four books and has taught legal ethics and political science at Stanford and Santa Clara Universities. His books include: *Guide to Professional Conduct for New Practitioners*, California State Bar (1961); *The U.S. Constitution*, BRL (1961); *Truth and Untruth: Political Deceit in America*, Simon & Shuster (1971); and *The Taking of Hill 610*, Eaglet Books (1992), describing his service in Korea.

After Stanford University, Pete joined the Marine Corps as an officer and served in the Korean War. While in the Marine Corps section, he commanded a reserve rifle company at San Bruno, California from 1953 to 1960. A recipient of the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism, the Silver Star for bravery in combat and two Purple Hearts, Pete was a platoon leader and company commander. He retired from the Reserve with a rank of Colonel.

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Practice Areas

Environmental Law

Education

Stanford Law School, J.D.
Stanford University, B.A.

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Pete served from 1967 to 1983 in the U.S. House of Representatives and was re-elected seven times representing the San Francisco Peninsula and Silicon Valley. He served six years as Congressional Delegate to the International Whaling Conference, and as Congressional Advisor to the Law of the Sea Treaty Delegation. An ardent environmentalist, he was co-chair of the first Earth Day in 1970 with Senator Gaylord Nelson. In 1972, he ran for President on an anti-Vietnam War platform against Richard Nixon. One of Pete's enduring legacies is his co-authorship of the 1973 Endangered Species Act. After serving in Congress for 15 years, Pete returned to private practice, taking on tough complex cases.

He has served as a Trustee for the Monterey Institute of International Studies, the Population Action Institute, and the U.S. Marine Corps Academy in Harlingen, Texas. Appointed by President George H. W. Bush, Pete served--and was elected its first chairman--on the U.S. Commission on National and Community Service from 1990 to 1992.

Pete served on the Advisory Council to the American Land Conservancy. He has been at the forefront in helping Afghanistan and Iraq war veterans receive college educations upon their return from duty. He serves on the Board of Advisors of The Fund for Veterans' Education.

A film, entitled American Maverick, was done on the life and times of Pete McCloskey. The film is narrated by the late Paul Newman who said, "Pete McCloskey has spent his life fighting for peace" and "without doubt he will always be leading from the front."

Honors & Recognitions

Recipient of the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism

Recipient of the Silver Star for bravery in combat

Recipient of two Purple Hearts

No Gun Ri Peace Commission Peace Prize Award

Peninsula Coalition Lifetime Achievement Award

Sierra Club Environmental Hero's Award

Community Involvement

Serves on the Board of Advisors of The Fund for Veterans' Education

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Affiliations

Korea War Memorial Association, President

Palo Alto Bar Association, Past President

Conference of Barristers of the State Bar of California, Past President

Santa Clara Bar Association, Past Trustee

News

CPM Partner McCloskey Honored at the San Mateo County Bar Association Reception
02.07.2019

CPM Partner Pete McCloskey - Former Congressman and War Hero - Honored at Opening Ceremony of Korean War Memorial

CPM Achieves Victory in Landmark Climate Change Case
2016

CPM Partner McCloskey Honored by the National Audubon Society for Environmental Leadership
01.21.2016

CPM Clients California Indian Tribes Take Caltrans to Court Today for Knowingly Destroying Historic Preservation Sites
10.30.2015

CPM Helps Halt Richardson Grove Project, Protecting Redwoods

CPM Environmental Law Group Helps Protect Smith River Salmon Population

CPM Environmental Law Group Achieves Victory for Public in Fight for Access to Martin's Beach

Richardson Grove project federal lawsuit dismissed
Eureka Times-Standard, 12.05.2014

CPM Partner Pete McCloskey Honored by Swords to Plowshares
11.06.2014

The Colbert Report Has a Special on Martin's Beach
2014

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New California Law Forces Public Access Road to Martin's Beach
Bay City News, 10.01.2014

CPM Wins Trial to Reopen Martin's Beach
09.24.2014

CPM Environmental Group Continues Fight for Public Access to Martin's Beach

Martins Beach trial ends, judge has 90 days to issue ruling
San Francisco Chronicle, 07.16.2014

Martins Beach fight heads to state Capitol
San Francisco Chronicle, 05.27.2014

Martins Beach trial leads to the coast
San Francisco Chronicle, 05.16.2014

San Mateo County Judge Takes Tour of 'Martins Beach'
ABC 7 News, 05.15.2014

Billionaire Vinod Khosla Dodges Questions in Private Beach Trial
Forbes, 05.13.2014

Billionaire Vinod Khosla Must Appear in Court Over Martin's Beach Lawsuit, Judge Rules
Forbes, 05.09.2014

Trial begins in suit that's roiling waters over Martins Beach access
San Francisco Chronicle, 05.08.2014

Legal showdown over Vinod Khosla's Martins Beach postponed till Wednesday
San Mateo County Times, 05.05.2014

CPM Partner Pete McCloskey Awarded Pacific Century Institute (PCI)'s 2014 Building Bridges Award
The PCI News, 02.27.2014

Surfers sue over blocked beach access
San Francisco Chronicle, 02.21.2014

CPM prevails as appeals court reverses Richardson Grove decision; ruling states Caltrans violated state environmental law
Times-Standard, 01.31.2014

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CPM Partner Pete McCloskey Awarded Peace Prize by Korean Commission

CPM Partner Pete McCloskey Wins Environmental Hero Award
10.02.2010

CPM Partner Pete McCloskey Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award by Peninsula Coalition at 6th Annual Community Honors Dinner
05.06.2010

Speaking Engagements

Audubon Winter Gala 2016
Cipriani, New York, NY, 01.21.2016

Publications

A War That Should Never Have Been Necessary, the Division of an Ancient People Against Their Will
Huffington Post - The World Post, 06.25.2015