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Margaret M. Cordray is a Professor of Law at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, where she has been on the faculty since 1992. Professor Cordray received her B.A. from the University of the Pacific, *summa cum laude* (1983). She earned her J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley in 1986, Order of the Coif.

After graduation from law school, Professor Cordray clerked for Judge Kenneth W. Starr, of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The following year, she went to Oxford University in England, where she earned a B.C.L, which is an advanced degree in law. In 1988, Professor Cordray started as an associate attorney with the Washington D.C. office of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, where she did litigation and appellate work. In 1990, she moved to the Office of Legal Affairs at The Ohio State University, primarily practicing contract law.

Professor Cordray teaches courses on Evidence, Contracts, and the United States Supreme Court. In 1997, she was selected as Capital's "Teacher of the Year." She was voted "Best Professor" by the upperclass students in the 1997-1998 academic year, and voted "Best Professor" by the first year students in the 1992-1993 academic year.

Since entering teaching, Professor Cordray has published on a wide variety of topics. Most recently, she and her husband Richard Cordray have written a series of articles on the Supreme Court, focusing mainly on how the Justices select the cases that the Court will review. These articles include *Setting the Social Agenda: Deciding to Review High-Profile Cases at the Supreme Court*, forthcoming in KAN. L. REV. (2009); *Strategy in the Supreme Court: The Relationship Between Certiorari and the Merits*, 69 OHIO ST. L.J. 1 (2008); *The Philosophy of Certiorari: Jurisprudential Considerations in Supreme Court Case Selection*, 82 WASH. U. L.Q. 389 (2004); *The Calendar of the Justices: How the Supreme Court's Timing Affects Its Decisionmaking*, 36 ARIZ. ST. L. REV. 183 (2004); and *The Supreme Court's Plenary Docket*, 58 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 737 (2001). She also has written on other topics, including the contempt power, punitive damages, settlement agreements, and the evidence rules governing impeachment of nontestifying witnesses.