



Honorable Kenneth McClintock

Secretary of State, Puerto Rico Department of State

Kenneth D. McClintock is the 22nd Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a territory of the United States of America. As such, he fulfills two roles, serving as the head of Puerto Rico's Department of State and, perhaps even more important, serving as lieutenant governor. First in line of succession should there be a permanent vacancy in the governorship, he also serves as Acting Governor whenever the Governor is away from Puerto Rico.

A member of the National Association of Lieutenant Governors (NLGA), he hosted its summer meeting last July 27-29. He is also a member of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), which will hold its 2012 summer meeting in San Juan.

As Secretary of State, he has digitalized his department, reducing backlogs and speeding up services, in spite of having lost 60% of his employees through early retirements, attrition and involuntary layoffs triggered by the fiscal crisis created by the 44% government-wide budget deficit in 2008-09. In addition to serving as Secretary of the Department of State and the role of lieutenant governor, Governor Fortuño has delegated multiple other responsibilities to him, such as chairing the Advisory Council on Government Reform and Reorganization, not unlike the role that Vice President Gore assumed during the Clinton administration. Reorganization plans have

been approved and will result in speeding up government services, providing for new services, merging some agencies and creating new ones, such as the Financial Education Institute, generating multi-million dollar annual savings in government operations.

McClintock capped a 16-year career as a member of the Puerto Rico Senate, serving as the 13th President of the Senate of Puerto Rico from 2005 to 2009. The youngest ever and first Hispanic, chairman ever of the nationwide Council of State Governments in 1999, he served as the second president of the hemispheric-wide Parliamentary Conference of the Americas (COPA) in 2000.

The founder of a congressional internship program that has been replicated by nineteen states and territories, he is a longtime board member of a DC-based nonprofit, The Washington Center for Academic Internships and Scholarships, an avid coin collector and an active member of the Episcopal Diocese of Puerto Rico.

He was born in London, England in 1957. His father, a native of Texas City, Texas, was an architect while his mother, born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, was a college professor, both deceased. Married to Mari Batista, Director of Sports and Recreation for the city of San Juan and a former Olympic athlete, he is the proud father of a high school senior, Kevin Davison, born in 1995, and a high school sophomore, Stephanie Marie, born in 1997.