



Columnist Kathleen Parker, an award-winning writer for The Washington Post, is a Florida native who often spent summers in Columbia with her mother's family. Her career began in 1987 with the Orlando Sentinel, after covering South Carolina lowcountry news for the then Charleston Evening Post. Her column was nationally syndicated in 1995, and she joined The Washington Post Writers Group in 2006.

Editor Sharon Grigsby of the Dallas Morning News states: "In a media genre that's all too often predictable, Kathleen Parker almost never fails to surprise – with her passion, her wit and her creativity. She's an independent thinker and her viewpoint is often so fresh and original, you can't help but be moved even when you disagree." Parker is often described as "a politically conservative-leaning" columnist. She has described herself politically as "mostly right of center."

In 1993 she received the prestigious H. L. Mencken Writing Award for, "attacking ignorance and stupidity with vividness and originality." In 2010, she received the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary for, "her perceptive, often witty columns on an array of political and moral issues, gracefully sharing the experiences and values that lead her to unpredictable conclusions."

Her book *Save the Males: Why Men Matter, Why Women Should Care* (Random House) was published in 2008. She is a consulting faculty member at the Buckley School of Public Speaking and serves on USA Today's Board of Contributors

She is a guest on cable and network news shows, a regular panelist on NBC's "Meet the Press" and MSNBC. She has contributed articles to The Weekly Standard, Time, Town & Country, Cosmopolitan and Fortune Small Business. Ms. Parker is married to attorney Woody Cleveland and resides in Camden, SC.

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