

## Women's History Video Montage

### *WOMEN ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT*

- **Hon. Sandra Day O'Connor** - First woman appointed to serve as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court – Hon. Sandra Day O'Connor
- **Hon. Ruth Bader Ginsburg** - Former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; she was the first Jewish woman and the second woman to serve on the Court, after Sandra Day O'Connor.
- **Hon. Sonia Sotomayor** – Judge Sotomayor was the first Hispanic appointed to the federal bench in New York, and she went on to serve as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and is now an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.
- **Hon. Elena Kagan** - Fourth woman to become a member of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

### *WOMEN JUDGES OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT*

- **Hon. Constance Baker Motley** – First African American woman to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court, where she prevailed on 9 of the 10 cases she argued, and later became the first African American woman to serve as a federal judge. Judge Motley was also the first woman to serve as New York City Borough President.
- **Hon. Margo Brodie** – First African American Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York; fourth consecutive woman Chief Judge.
- **Hon. Dora Irizarry**- First Hispanic judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York; first Hispanic woman to serve as a state judge in New York; the first Latina to seek statewide office in New York State.
- **Hon. Sandra Townes** – First African American woman, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York; first African American woman on the Appellate Division, Second Department; was elected to a City Court Judge seat for the City Court of

Syracuse, New York (1988–99) and elected as Justice of the Fifth Judicial District New York Supreme Court (2000–04).

### ***WOMEN JUDGES OF THE NEW YORK STATE COURT OF APPEALS***

- **Hon. Judith Kaye** – First woman appointed to New York’s highest court, the New York Court of Appeals; she later became the first female Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, and she presided over the first Court of Appeals bench with a female majority of judges.
- **Hon. Janet DiFiore** - Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals.
- **Hon. Sheila Abdus-Salaam** - First African American woman appointed to New York State’s highest court, New York Court of Appeals.
- **Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick** - First Hispanic and the second woman to sit on the Court of Appeals.
- **Hon. Jenny Rivera** – Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals.
- **Hon. Leslie Stein** – Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals.

### **WOMEN JUSTICES OF THE APPELLATE DIVISION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

- **Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin** – First woman appointed to the bench of an Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court – Appellate Division, First Department) and later served as first female Presiding Justice.
- **Hon. M. Delores Denman** - the first woman to have been appointed as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department.
- **Hon. Elizabeth A. Garry** – Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Third Department; first openly LGBTQ person to serve.
- **Hon. Gail Prudenti** – Dean, Hofstra Law School; former Chief Administrative Judge; former Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, the first woman to hold that position.

- **Hon. Sharon A.M. Aarons** - First person of color, African American and Jamaican appointed to the Appellate Division, Third Department.
- **Hon. Cheryl Chambers** – Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Second Department, first African American woman to serve on the Second Department’s constitutional bench.
- **Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels** - In November 2001, Judge Manzanet-Daniels was elected and received a Gubernatorial Citation for becoming, at the age of 37, the youngest Justice of Hispanic Heritage ever elected to the New York State Supreme Court. In October 2009, she was appointed to the Appellate Division, First Department, thereby making her the first Latina justice in the history of New York State to serve on that Court.
- **Rosalyn H. Richter** - Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department; past Co-Chair of SAGE Board of Directors. SAGE is the country’s largest and oldest non profit agency for the advocacy & services for LGBT elders.
- **Hon. Rose Sconiers** - First African-American woman appointed to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department; the first African-American woman outside of New York City to be elected to the New York State Supreme Court.
- **Hon. Shirley Troutman** – Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department; Co-Chair of the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission; National Association of Women Judges New York Chapter President.
- **Hon. Troy K. Webber** - Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department; Co-Chair of the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission.
- **Hon. Joanne M. Winslow** - Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, first openly LGBTQ person to serve; Co-Chair of the Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission.
- **Group photo of the Women Justices of the Appellate Division 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Departments.**

#### **WOMEN ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICES/JUDGES OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

- **Hon. Edwina G. Mendelson** – Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives.

- **Hon. Fern Fisher** – First African American woman appointed as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York for the New York City Courts.
- **Hon. Juanita Bing Newton** – Former Dean of the New York State Judicial Institute. Prior to her appointment as Dean, Judge Newton served as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives. She has also served as the Administrative Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York, the Administrative Judge of the New York County Supreme Court, Criminal Term and a felony trial judge.
- **Hon. Paula L. Feroletto** – Administrative Judge, Eighth Judicial District.
- **Hon. Kathie Davidson** – First African American woman appointed as Supervising Judge, in the Ninth Judicial District; first African American woman elected to a county-wide judgeship in Westchester County and the third elected to Family Court in the State of New York.
- **Hon. Marguerite A. Grays** – Deputy Administrative Judge - Civil Term, Eleventh Judicial District; National Association of Women Judges New York Chapter immediate past President.

#### **WOMEN JUSTICES/JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT, COURT OF CLAIMS, COUNTY COURT AND FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

- **Hon. Andra Ackerman**- First woman County Judge in Albany County history.
- **Hon. Karen Bailey Turner** - First African American elected to Monroe County Court.
- **Hon. Betsy Barros** - First Latina to serve in the Brooklyn Supreme Court and the Appellate Division, Second Department.
- **Hon. Hyun Chin Kim** – First female county court judge in Orange County, New York.
- **Hon. Lisa M. Fisher** – Supreme Court Justice, Greene County; Vice President 3<sup>rd</sup> Dept., NY Chapter of the National Association of Women Judges.
- **Hon. Marcia Hirsch** – Supreme Court, Queens Criminal Term; Presiding Judge, Queens Treatment Courts; National Association of Women Judges New York Chapter President-Elect.

- **Hon. Doris Ling-Cohan** – Retired Associate Justice of the Appellate Term, First Department; was the first woman of Asian descent to be appointed to an appellate panel in New York State; and the first woman of Asian descent to be elected to the Supreme Court.
- **Hon. La Tia W. Martin** – Justice, New York State Supreme Court, Bronx County; founder of The Scales of Justice Academy (formerly known as the Justice Academy for Young Women), whose goal is to provide underserved high school young women with the skills necessary to succeed in life and, should their interest continue, in law school.
- **Hon. E. Jeannette Odgen** - Buffalo City Court Judge; Vice President 4<sup>th</sup> Dept. of the NY Chapter of the National Association of Women Judges.
- **Hon. Llinét M. Rosado** - Justice for the Bronx County Supreme Court (Civil Term) in the Twelfth Judicial District of New York; Commissioner of the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission; National Association of Women Judges New York Chapter Vice President 1<sup>st</sup> Department.
- **Hon. Christina L. Ryba** – First African American woman Supreme Court Justice elected in the Third Judicial District; National Association of Women Judges New York Chapter Member at Large.
- **Hon. Debra Silber** - Justice, Supreme Court, Kings County; National Association of Women Judges New York Chapter Treasurer.
- **Hon. Lillian Wan** - The first Asian-American woman appointed to the New York Court of Claims.
- **Hon. Jane M. Bolin** - First African American woman to graduate from Yale Law School, the first to join the New York City Bar Association and the first to join the New York City Law Department. She became the first African American woman to serve as a judge in the United States when she was sworn into the bench of the New York City Domestic Relations Court
- **Hon. Sherri Brooks Morton**- First African American woman judge elected to the Albany Family Court
- **Hon. Fatima O. Reid** – First African American elected to Monroe County Family Court.

## **WOMEN CITY COURT JUDGES OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

- **Hon. Betty Calvo Torres** - First Hispanic female judge in the City of Buffalo's history.
- **Hon. Wendy Changyong Li** - Judge of the New York City Civil Court; National Association of Women Judges New York Chapter Secretary.
- **Hon. Debra L. Givens** – Justice, Erie County Supreme Court; National Association of Women Judges New York Chapter Member at Large.
- **Hon. Helena Heath** - appointed Albany City Court Judge on April 22, 2005, becoming the first female of African descent to serve in this position in the history of the City of Albany.
- **Hon. Judy H. Kim** - The first Korean-American elected Civil Court Judge of New York.
- **Hon. Felicia Pitts-Davis** - First African-American judge to be elected Syracuse City Court.
- **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones** - New York City Criminal Court Bronx County, Acting Justice Supreme Court, Kings County; National Association of Women Judges New York Chapter Vice President 2<sup>nd</sup> Department.
- **Hon. Toko Serita** - First Japanese-American judge in New York State (2005), and to be appointed in New York City. First Asian Pacific American female judge appointed to the New York City Criminal Court.
- **Hon. Shadia Tadros** - First Arab-American Syracuse City Court Judge.

## **WOMEN ATTORNEYS**

- **Professor Deborah N. Archer** - Professor of Clinical Law, Co-Faculty Director, Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law; first African American President of the American Civil Liberties Union.
- **Sheila S. Boston** - First woman of color to be elected president of the New York City Bar Association.

- **Eunice Carter** – New York’s first African-American woman to serve as an assistant district attorney as well as the only woman and sole person of color appointed to investigator Thomas E. Dewey’s team.
- **Hon. Darcel Clark** – First woman to hold the office of Bronx District Attorney, and the first woman of color to serve as a district attorney in the history of the State of New York.
- **Eileen Millett** – Counsel for the Office of Court Administration.
- **Michelle Obama** - Lawyer, writer, and first African-American First Lady of the United States.
- **Hon. Florence Perlow Shientag** – First woman appointed to the position of federal prosecutor in New York State – (Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York); Judge Shientag was also a founder of the New York Women’s Bar Association in 1934, served as Law Secretary to Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, and later served as a Family Court Judge in New York City)
- **Hon. Maryann Saccomando-Freedman** - First woman president of both the Erie County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association as well as the New York Bar Foundation.
- **Shirley Adelson-Siegel** - was the first head of New York State’s Civil Rights Bureau and served as New York State’s solicitor general.
- **Charlotte Smallwood-Cook** - First woman District Attorney in New York State (Wyoming County).
- **Katherine "Kate" Stoneman** was an early 20th-century suffragist and the first woman admitted to the Bar Association in the State of New York.
- **Joy A. Thompson** – Second African American President of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York.
- **Group photos of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York members and Chief Judge Janet DiFiore.**

## WOMEN POLITICAL LEADERS

- **Stacey Abrams** - an American politician, lawyer, voting rights activist, and author who served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 2007 to 2017, serving as minority leader from 2011 to 2017; Abrams founded Fair Fight Action, an organization to address voter suppression.
- **Madeline Albright** - First female United States Secretary of State in U.S. history.
- **Shirley Chisholm** - The first African American woman in Congress and the first woman and African American to seek the nomination for president of the United States from one of the two major political parties.
- **Hillary Clinton** - served as the 67th United States secretary of state from 2009 to 2013, as a United States senator from New York from 2001 to 2009, and as First Lady of the United States from 1993 to 2001; became the first woman to be nominated for president of the United States by a major political party when she won the Democratic Party nomination in 2016; the first woman to win the popular vote in an American presidential election, however, she failed to win the Electoral College.
- **Geraldine Ferraro** - New York attorney - First woman to run for the position of Vice President of the United States.
- **Kamala Harris** - serving as the 49th vice president of the United States; the first female vice president and the highest-ranking female official in U.S. history, as well as the first African American and first Asian American vice president; was the second African American woman and the first South Asian American to serve in the United States Senate.
- **Deb Haaland** - United States Secretary of the Interior - made history when she became the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary.
- **Hon. Kathy M. Hochul** - Lieutenant Governor of New York State.
- **Hon. Letitia James** - First African American New York State Attorney General.
- **Barbara Jordan** - an American lawyer, educator and politician who was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement. A Democrat, she was the first African American elected to the Texas Senate after Reconstruction and the first Southern African-American woman elected to the United States House of Representatives.



- **Mary M. Lilly** – an advocate for women's suffrage and other legislation to better the lives of women and children; after women gained the right to vote in New York in 1917, she ran for elective office in the November 1918 election, and was one of two women elected to serve in the 1919 session of the New York State Assembly.
- **Loretta Lynch** - The first African-American woman to be confirmed for as United States Attorney General.
- **Sarah Palin** - served as the ninth governor of Alaska from 2006 until her resignation in 2009; the first Republican female vice presidential nominee and the second female vice presidential nominee of a major party, after Geraldine Ferraro in 1984.
- **Nancy Pelosi** – Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; first woman to serve in that role.
- **Crystal Peoples-Stokes** – Majority Leader of the New York State Assembly.
- **Eleanor Roosevelt** - American political figure, diplomat and activist. She served as the First Lady of the United States from 1933, to 1945, during her husband President Franklin D. Roosevelt's four terms in office, making her the longest-serving First Lady of the United States.
- **Condoleezza Rice** - served as the 66th United States Secretary of State from 2005 to 2009 and as the 20th United States National Security Advisor from 2001 to 2005; first female African-American secretary of state and the first woman to serve as National Security Advisor.
- **Louise Slaughter** - American politician elected to sixteen terms as a United States Representative from New York; she served as the Dean of the New York Congressional Delegation for the last few terms as Congresswoman.
- **Andrea Stewart-Cousins** - First woman, and African American woman, to lead a New York State legislative conference. In 2019, she shattered the glass ceiling when elected as Temporary President and Majority Leader of the State Senate.

## WOMEN HISTORY MAKERS

- **Susan B. Anthony** - Champion of Women's Rights
- **Nancy Barry** – Chief of Operations for the Office of Court Administration.
- **Ruby Bridges** – at the age of six, she advanced the cause of civil rights in November 1960 when she became the first African American student to integrate an elementary school in the South.
- **Antoinette Brown Blackwell** - First Ordained Woman Minister in America
- **Barbara Bush** - Former first lady of the United States from 1989 to 1993 as the wife of George H. W. Bush, who served as the 41st president of the United States, and founder of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.
- **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** - Women's Rights/Suffrage Leader
- **Dr. Betty Campbell** – First African American woman Commissioner of Jurors in Westchester County.
- **Katherine Johnson** – was an American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights.
- **Cindy McCain** – American businesswoman, philanthropist, and humanitarian; the widow of United States Senator and 2008 Republican presidential nominee John McCain from Arizona and the mother of television host and commentator Meghan McCain.
- **Lucretia Mott** - Women's Suffrage Advocate.
- **Ellen Ochoa** - An American engineer, former astronaut and former director of the Johnson Space Center; became the first Hispanic woman to go to space when she served on a nine-day mission aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery; first Hispanic director and the second female director of Johnson Space Center.
- **Lucy Stone** - Women's Rights Advocate.
- **Sojourner Truth** - Abolitionist/Suffragist.
- **Harriet Tubman** - Known as the "Moses," she escaped slavery and helped others gain their freedom as a "conductor" of the Underground Railroad. Tubman also served as a scout, spy, guerrilla soldier, and nurse for the Union Army during the Civil War. She is considered the first African American woman to serve in the military.

- **Oprah Winfrey** - American talk show host, television producer, actress, author, and philanthropist.
- **Mary Wollstonecraft** - Writer & Philosopher of Women's Rights.