

WOMEN IN THE JUDICIAL SERVICE

The only judicial post yet to be held by a woman is Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

The number of women lawyers serving as judges on federal, State, county, and municipal courts is not large but is increasing steadily. In 1955 the Directory of American Judges listed at least 185 women judges. The greatest number of these, about 150, served in county courts which would include Probate, Superior, Surrogate and Courts of Ordinary.

In the same year there were 5,036 women lawyers in the United States, some 3% of the total.

Other posts in the judicial service, such as court clerk, librarian, and court administrative officer, are held by growing numbers of women. Some States report women Assistant U. S. Attorneys, deputy U. S. marshals and justices of the peace.

Federal and United States Courts

There are four women judges sitting on these high courts.

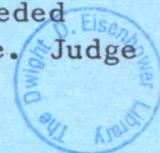
Miss Florence E. Allen of Cleveland, Ohio, Judge of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals (6th District), holds the highest judicial post ever held by a woman in the United States. Prior to her appointment on March 15, 1934, she served two terms as a Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. Judge Allen has announced that she plans to retire October 6, 1959.

Mrs. Burnita Shelton Matthews of Washington, D. C. is the second woman to hold a judgeship of a federal court. She was appointed in 1959 as Judge of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the first woman to serve in this court.

Miss Marion J. Harron of Berkeley, California is a Judge of the Tax Court of the United States, sitting in Washington, D. C. Her appointment came in October 1949. There are 15 men on the Court, in addition to four retired male judges, recalled to perform judicial duties.

Miss Mary H. Donlon (R) of New York is a Judge of the United States Customs Court, sitting in New York City. She was appointed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower June 22, 1955, the only woman on the nine-judge court.

Miss Donlon is the second woman to serve on this Court, having been preceded by Miss Genevieve R. Cline, a 1928 appointee of President Calvin Coolidge. Judge Cline retired in 1954.



Clerks

Mrs. Ida O. Creskoff, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Clerk of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals (3rd District)

Catherine A. Dougherty
Chief Deputy Clerk, U. S. District Court for Arizona

Miss Loryce E. Wharton, Jackson, Mississippi
Clerk, U. S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi

Mrs. Della I. Holt, Fargo, North Dakota
Clerk, U. S. District Court for North Dakota

Miss Mary Aguayo
Clerk, U. S. District Court, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Sarah de la Pena
Clerk, U. S. District Court of the Canal Zone, Ancon

Mrs. Lucile M. Alstad, Madison, Wisconsin
Clerk, U. S. District Court of the Western District of Wisconsin.

Miss Capitola G. Allison, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Clerk, U. S. District Court for Wyoming.

Mary Belle Nicol, Washington, D. C. and
Mary A. Young, Washington, D. C.
Assistant Clerks of the U. S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals

Librarians

Helen Newman, Washington, D. C.
Supreme Court of the United States

Anna H. Olsen
United States Customs Court

Lilliam C. McLaurin, Washington, D. C.
Tax Court of the United States

Other

Grace E. Wray, Washington, D. C.
Financial Officer, U. S. Court of Claims

Pauline M. Bresnahan, Washington, D. C.
Administrative Assistant to Chief Judge, U. S. Court of
Claims

DeVera Hill
Reporter, U. S. Customs Court

Mrs. Ella C. Thomas, Washington, D. C.
Reporter, Tax Court of the United States

Administrative Office of U. S. Courts

Catherine P. Waddle, Washington, D. C., Personnel Officer

District of Columbia Courts

Three women sit on the Municipal Court for the District of
Columbia: Judges Mary C. Earlow, Mildred E. Reeves and
Catherine B. Kelly, all of Washington, D. C.

Anna L. Callahan of Washington, D. C. is Administrative
Officer of the Court and Joan M. Ball of Silver Spring, Mary-
land, Assistant Administrative Officer.

Other

Hilda R. Reagle of Washington, D. C.
Clerk of the Juvenile Court

Leah L. Friedman of Washington, D. C.
Director, Office of Administration, Juvenile Court

Edith L. Dawson of Washington, D. C.
Aliene M. Ivory of Washington, D. C.
Both Deputy Register - Register of Wills and Clerk of the
Probate Court

State Courts

State judgeships are both elective and appointive. When available, this
information is designated by (elec.) and (appt.). In the case of elected
judges, party affiliation, if obtainable, is shown by (R) and (D).

Alabama (D) Annie Lola Price, Judge, Court of Appeals
(elec.)

California (D) Mildred L. Lillie, Los Angeles
Justice of District Court of Appeals (elec.)



- Connecticut (D) Margaret Driscoll, Judge, Juvenile Court,
First District (appt.)
- Maryland (R) Kathryn Lawlor, Silver Spring, Maryland
Judge, 6th Judicial Circuit Court (elec.)
- North Carolina (D) Susie Sharp, Reidsville
Special Judge, Superior Court of North Caro-
lina (appt.)
- Rhode Island (D) Florence K. Murray, Associate Justice,
Superior Court (appt.)
- Texas (D) Sarah T. Hughes, Judge, 14th District Court
(elec.)

Clerks

- Arizona (D) Eugenia Davis, Clerk, Supreme Court of
Arizona (appt.)
- Georgia (D) Miss Katherine C. Bleckley, Clerk of Supreme
Court (appt.)
- Illinois (R) Mrs. Earle Benjamin Searcy, Clerk of Supreme
Court (elec.)
- Indiana (R) Mrs. Virginia B. Caylor, Reporter, Supreme
and Appellate Court (elec.)
- Indiana (D) Alice Whitecotton, Clerk, Supreme and
Appellate Court (elec.)
- Kentucky (D) Doris Owens, Clerk, Court of Appeals (elec.)
- Wisconsin Mrs. Marygold S. Melli, Executive Secretary,
Judicial Council (appt.)

U. S. Department of Justice -- Women Officials

Twenty-four women serve as Assistant United States Attorneys in various areas of the United States. In addition, four women hold the post of Chief Deputy United States Marshal. The lists are carried below:

Assistant United States Attorneys

Arizona (Tucson)	Mary Anne Reimann
California, Northern (San Francisco)	Helen A. Kelly

California, Southern (Los Angeles)	Leila F. Bulgrin
" " "	Carla A. Hills
" " "	Arline M. Rossi
" " "	Lillian W. Stanley
District of Columbia	Sylvia A. Bacon
" "	Ellen Lee Park
" "	Helena D. Reed
Florida, Southern (Jacksonville)	Edith House
" " (Miami)	Lavinia Redd
Illinois, Northern (Chicago)	Alice McClanahan
Louisiana, Eastern (New Orleans)	Kathleen Ruddell
Massachusetts (Boston)	Arlyne F. Hassett
New Jersey (Newark)	Barbara A. Morris
New Mexico (Albuquerque)	Ruth C. Streeter
New York, Eastern (Brooklyn)	Marie L. McCann
" " "	Ann B. Miele
" " "	Margaret E. Millus
New York, Southern (New York City)	Marguerite DeSmet
" " "	Renne Joan Ginsberg
North Carolina, Eastern (Raleigh)	Jane A. Parker
North Carolina, Middle (Greensboro)	Edith F. Haworth
Pennsylvania, Eastern (Philadelphia)	Mabel G. Turner

Chief Deputy United States Marshals

Anna Mary Greaney, New Hampshire. Appointed 1916.

Esther E. Anderson, Vermont. Appointed 1923.

Mrs. Kathryn M. Matthews, Southern District of Texas (Houston).
Appointed 1931.

Mrs. Alice E. King, Utah. Appointed 1933.

County and Municipal Judiciary

The following list brings together available information on women holding judicial posts at the county and municipal level. It is not complete, but will serve as an indicator of women's activities in this area.



Arizona

1 county judge, 6 clerks of county superior courts

California

4 county justices of the peace, 17 judges of justice courts, 4 constables, 3 clerks of municipal courts, 6 municipal court judges

Colorado

1 clerk of City Court

Delaware

3 county justices of the peace

Illinois

1 Cook County Circuit Court Judge

Iowa

3 clerks of county courts

Kansas

2 clerks of county courts, 5 probate judges, 8 clerks of District courts

Louisiana

1 judge of Criminal District Court for Parish of Orleans; 6 Parish clerks of court; 1 City Judge, New Orleans

Michigan

1 justice of the peace

Montana

29 clerks of District courts in counties, 5 county court reporters

Nebraska

1 clerk of District Court

New Hampshire

1 Special Justice, Ashland Municipal Court (appt.)

New Mexico

17 clerks of the court

New Jersey

1 judge of Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Middlesex County

New York

1 special county judge, 3 clerks of surrogate court, 2 clerks of children's court, 1 judge in New York City Court (elec.)

North Carolina

1 justice of the peace, 1 clerk of the court

Ohio (all elected)

1 judge of Juvenile Court, Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga County; 1 judge of Division of Domestic Relations, Court of Common Pleas, Lucas County; 1 judge of Municipal Court, Medina; 8 probate judges; 4 county court judges; 5 clerks of the court.

Oklahoma

1 county judge

Pennsylvania (all elected)

1 judge of Municipal Court of Philadelphia; 1 judge, County Court of Allegheny County; 1 judge of Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County; 5 justices of the peace; 5 clerks of the court.

South Dakota

3 clerks of the court

Vermont (all elected)

7 probate judges - in counties

Washington

1 probate judge

West Virginia

1 judge of Juvenile Court, Kanawha County (appt.) - (first woman appointed to a judgeship in West Virginia)

