



GENDER AND RACIAL DIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA'S JUDGES

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FOREWORD

The bedrock of justice and the rule of law is equal justice under law. If explicit or implicit bias permeates the judicial selection process or if the dispensers of justice are disproportionately white men, citizens may lose confidence that the judicial system is fair to all. The judicial system needs our best and brightest and we do not secure the highest possible quality of justice if more than half the population is not fairly or fully considered for public service, or if young women and minority men fail to see a judicial career as a possibility because historically people who look like them have been excluded. As the senior ranking woman jurist in the United Kingdom Brenda Hale has said, “the issue is not whether women’s presence makes a difference but what their absence means.” Are women and minority men not capable of appreciating the majesty of law? Making fair and wise decisions? Exercising compassion, good judgment, and leadership? Participating in our democracy as full and equal citizens? What message does Louisiana’s judiciary send?

The progress toward a diverse and representative bench has been agonizingly slow, lagging well behind the representation of women and minority men in the legal profession. In 2011, women made up 27% of state judges, mostly concentrated at the lowest levels with little chance for advancement.¹ Now, 31% of state court judges are women. In no state have women or minority men achieved representation commensurate with their percentage of the population. In 2010 and 2011, a report done by researchers at the State University of New York at Albany ranked Louisiana 23rd and 24th among states for its percentage of women judges. A recent report analyzing the underrepresentation of women and minority men on the state court bench – “the gavel gap” – ranked Louisiana 17th. Just because Louisiana is uncharacteristically average rather than at the bottom of state rankings is no reason for complacency. Rather, we must draw encouragement from the limited success of women and minority men to spearhead a discussion about greater inclusion in all branches of government. And we must develop new strategies for achieving genuine equality rather than mere presence.

In the midst of an election for U.S. President and Congress, even with attention focused on the precarious balance of power on the U.S. Supreme Court, it is easy to forget that our government consists of three branches that share power. Those political scientists who do study courts often direct their attention to federal rather than state courts. We have occasional snapshots of the gender and race composition of state courts, but no systematic and reliable annual monitoring.² Those who monitor women’s political progress routinely ignore the judiciary.³

Drawing on state websites, as well as other sources, political scientist Salmon Shomade has compiled this data in the hopes of sparking more attention to the diversity and representativeness of the judicial branch of government. Journalists, interested citizens, good government groups, the legal profession, and the judiciary itself cannot hold us accountable to high standards without regular evidence as to our progress, or lack of it. Newcomb College Institute is delighted to bring together a coalition of interested parties to catalyze this discussion. We propose to regularly monitor our state’s progress, to partner with others to monitor the rest of the states, and to mobilize us to achieve equal justice under law.

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HIGHLIGHTS



Women constitute **51%** of Louisiana's population (U.S. census 2015), yet women judges comprised **31.6%** of all state and federal judges based in Louisiana as of July 31, 2016.



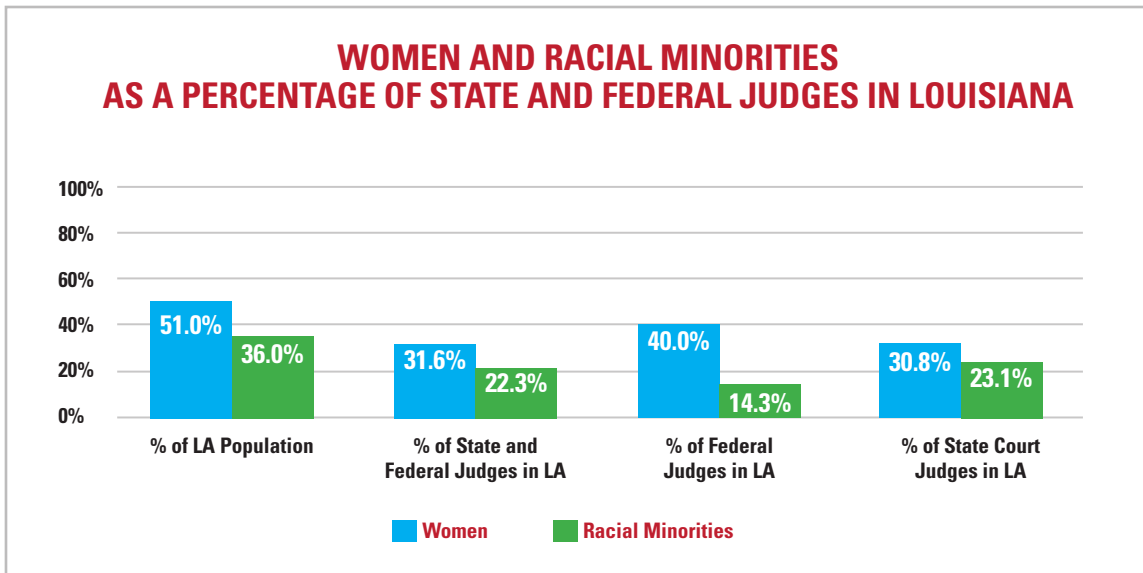
Racial minorities are **36%** of Louisiana's population; non-white judges were **22.3%** of all state and federal-level judges in the state as of July 31, 2016.



In the federal courts based in Louisiana (three U.S. District Courts and the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals), women constitute **40%** of all judges while racial minorities are **14.3%** of all judges.



In Louisiana state courts, women judges make up **30.8%** of all judges while racial minorities are **23.1%** of all judges.





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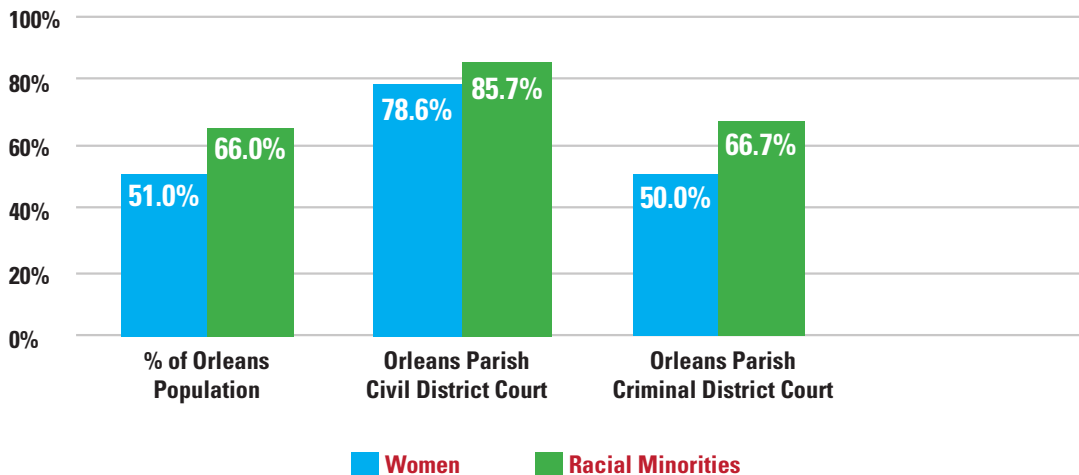


Two of seven Louisiana Supreme Court justices are women, one of whom is the Chief Justice and the other is retiring at the end of 2016; the Chief Justice is also the only minority person on the Court.



Whereas racial minorities constitute about 66% of Orleans Parish, non-white judges make up 85.7% of the Orleans Civil District Court and 66.7% of the Orleans Criminal District Court while women judges are 78.6% and 50% in these courts respectively. For the rest of the state, non-white judges constitute 15.3% of all district court judges while women judges make up 23.3% of all district court judges.

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES





THE IMPORTANCE OF A DIVERSE AND REPRESENTATIVE BENCH FOR ENSURING EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW

Ever since the first women and minority men became judges in sufficient numbers to conduct quantitative analysis, social scientists have sought to statistically determine whether women and minority men decide cases differently than white men. Professor Sally J. Kenney, who reviews this evidence in *Gender and Justice: Why Women in the Judiciary Really Matter*,⁴ finds the evidence of difference unpersuasive. Perhaps the compulsion to investigate this difference question derives from the implicit assumption that if women and minority men do not decide cases differently from white men, no one is harmed by excluding them? Yet we did not need to prove that women voted differently than men as a group or whites than blacks or decided cases differently as jurors; instead, we now see such participation as voters or jurors as inherent rights of citizens in a democracy. As political theorist Anne Phillips has argued with respect to the British Parliament, surely by the 21st century, the burden of proof has shifted from those who believe women and minority men should serve in numbers proportionate to their representation in the population to those who believe women and minority men should not serve in numbers proportionate to their representation in the population.⁵

Under statutory and constitutional provisions prohibiting employment discrimination, it is impermissible to ban women and minority men outright from judicial positions or discriminate against them in selection processes. Perhaps the best reason for fully including them in the judiciary, however, is that we cannot afford to waste talent by unfairly narrowing the employment pool. Given our troubled criminal justice system, the current state of race relations, as well as the importance of high quality and fair decision making for the rule of law, we need the very best people in our state for the judiciary.

As Christopher Kang who managed judicial selection for President Obama argued, “While judges will not necessarily consider a case differently because of their background—they are sworn to uphold the law and precedent—when the men and women who deliver justice look more like the communities they serve, there is greater confidence in our justice system overall.”⁶ Some dismiss such concerns as merely symbolic, as window dressing or political correctness. But justice must not only be done but be seen to be done. All white or all male juries raised legitimate concerns about fairness to excluded communities just as a disproportionately white male judiciary does today. As the Alliance of Justice argues in a recent report, the judiciary is also drawn from too narrow a scope of the legal profession.⁷

Separately, but relatedly, as Tracey George and Albert Yoon argue in their recent report,⁸ *The Gavel Gap: Who Sits in Judgment on State Courts?*, state courts handle over 90% of judicial matters in the nation and for many individuals and organizations seeking judicial intervention, the judgment these courts render become the law for these litigants. State courts decide who lives and who dies, who serves life sentences. They decide which parent has custody of children after divorce, who inherits property, who



is liable for injuries, and whether Mrs. Newcomb made an unconditional bequest to Tulane University, to name just a few of the important matters our political system has delegated to state courts to decide.

Other countries, international, and supranational courts have begun to explicitly require gender balance, gender equality, and even explicit gender quotas. The International Criminal Court, for example, has a voting system designed to ensure the selection of a fair proportion of women judges as well as judges who have experience litigating cases of gender-based violence (the requirements do not see one as a proxy for the other).⁹ The Council of Europe prohibits member states who submit a shortlist of three nominees to the European Court of Human Rights from forwarding candidates of only one gender.¹⁰ Egypt's new constitution explicitly prohibits excluding women from the judiciary¹¹ and Kenya's has a gender quota.¹² Worldwide, a consensus is growing that the judiciary will not become representative without explicit goals and procedures.

This report is an opportunity to take stock of our progress and lack of progress. We invite readers to consider that moving from minority representation to parity—representation proportional to the population—may require new strategies than those used to select the first few women and minority men. We have a long way to go before the appointments to the federal bench in Louisiana reflect this state's racial diversity. We need to make sure, too, that women and minority men do not remain on the lower rungs of the judicial ladder while only white men ascend or enter directly at the top.



METHODOLOGY

Data for the state judgeships primarily came from the Louisiana’s Secretary of State (SOS) website on elected officials: <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/ElectedOfficials>. The database has demographic data on gender, race, tenure ending dates, and other variables. The SOS information was confirmed and corroborated with the information provided by each particular court’s website when available. For missing SOS information, especially racial demographic data, public sources such as newspaper or other media outlets were utilized. Educational backgrounds and tenure starting dates primarily came from the respective court’s website, campaign websites of recently-elected judges, Judgepedia (now part of Ballotpedia: <https://ballotpedia.org/Judgepedia>), and online news reports.

The data for the U.S. District Courts and U.S. Fifth Circuit Court were primarily gathered from the Federal Judicial Center website: <http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf/page/judges.html>, but checked against the respective court websites for confirmation.

RESULTS

GENDER DEMOGRAPHICS					
	Black Women	White Women	Other Women	Total Number of Judges	% Women
Total Federal	1	13	0	35	40%
Total State	47	64	1	364	30.8%
Total Louisiana	48	77	1	399	31.6%

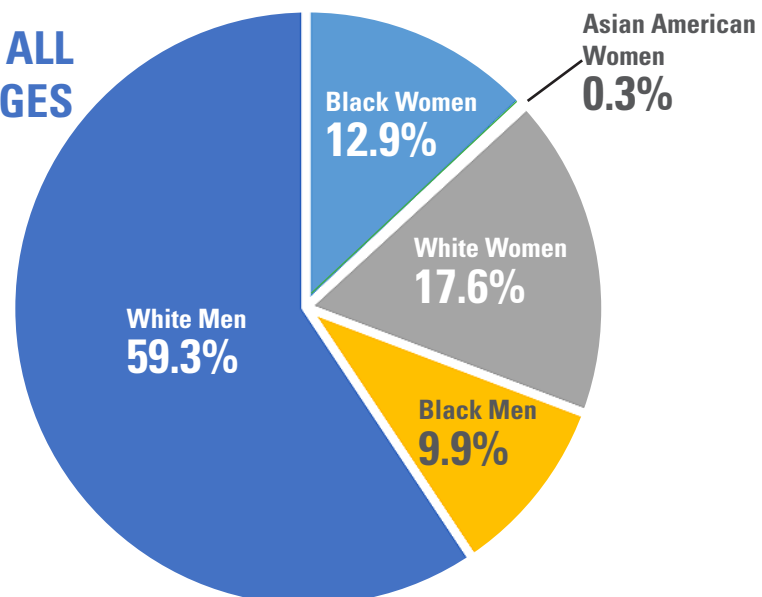
RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS					
	Black	White	Other	Total Number of Judges	% Racial Minorities
Total Federal	4	30	1	35	14.3%
Total State	83	280	1	364	23.1%
Total Louisiana	87	310	2	399	22.3%



LOUISIANA STATE JUDGES

	%	Number
Black Women	12.9%	47
Asian American Women	0.3%	1
White Women	17.6%	64
Black Men	9.9%	36
White Men	59.3%	216
Total Number of Judges	100.0%	364
<u>Total Women</u>	30.8%	112
<u>Total Racial Minorities</u>	23.1%	84

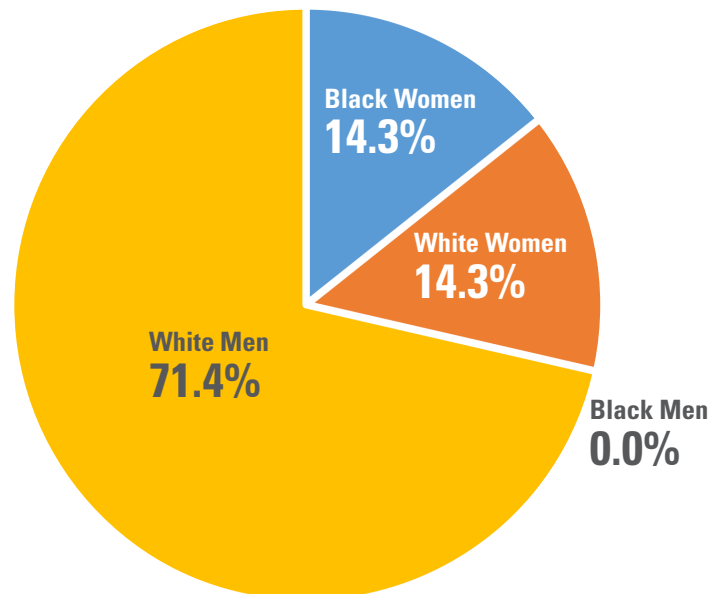
SUMMARY OF ALL LOUISIANA STATE JUDGES





SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA	%	Number
Black Women	14.3%	1
White Women	14.3%	1
Black Men	0.0%	0
White Men	71.4%	5
Total Number of Judges	100.0%	7
<u>Total Women</u>	28.6%	2
<u>Total Racial Minorities</u>	14.3%	1

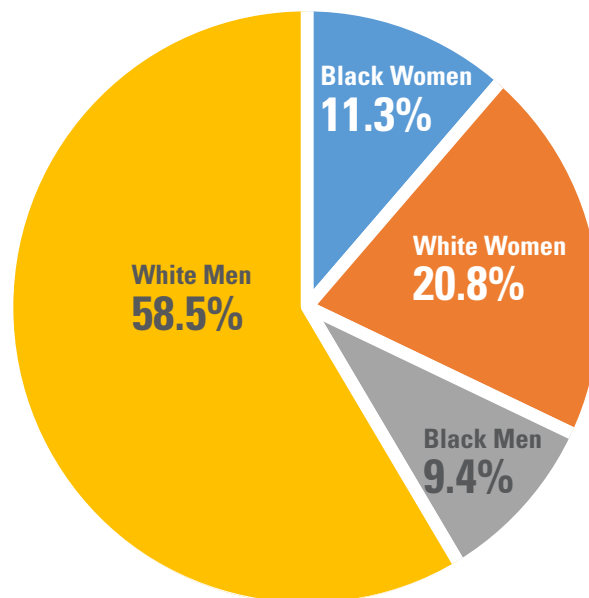
SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA





LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL (Five Circuits)	%	Number
Black Women	11.3%	6
White Women	20.8%	11
Black Men	9.4%	5
White Men	58.5%	31
Total Number of Judges	100.0%	53
<u>Total Women</u>	32.1%	17
<u>Total Racial Minorities</u>	20.8%	11

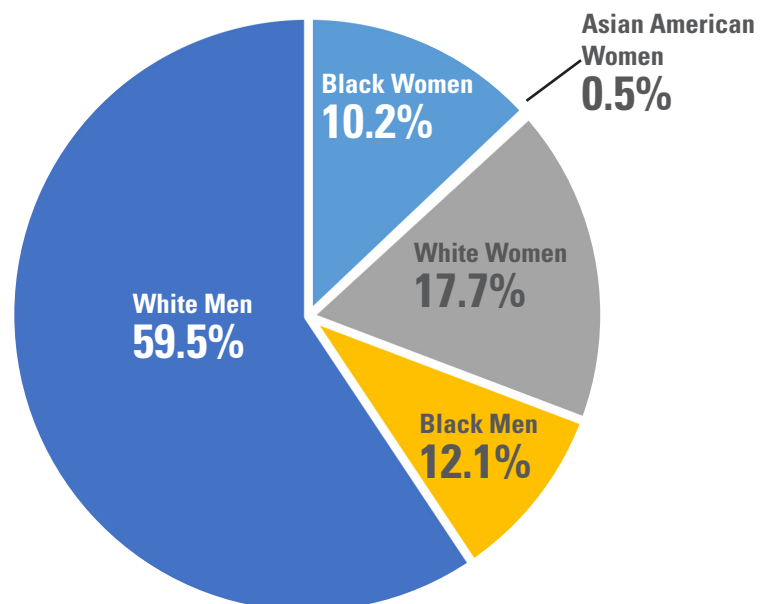
LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL (Five Circuits)





LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS (42 District Courts)	%	Number
Black Women	10.2%	22
Asian American Women	0.5%	1
White Women	17.7%	38
Black Men	12.1%	26
White Men	59.5%	128
Total Number of Judges	100.0%	215
<u>Total Women</u>	28.4%	61
<u>Total Racial Minorities</u>	22.8%	49

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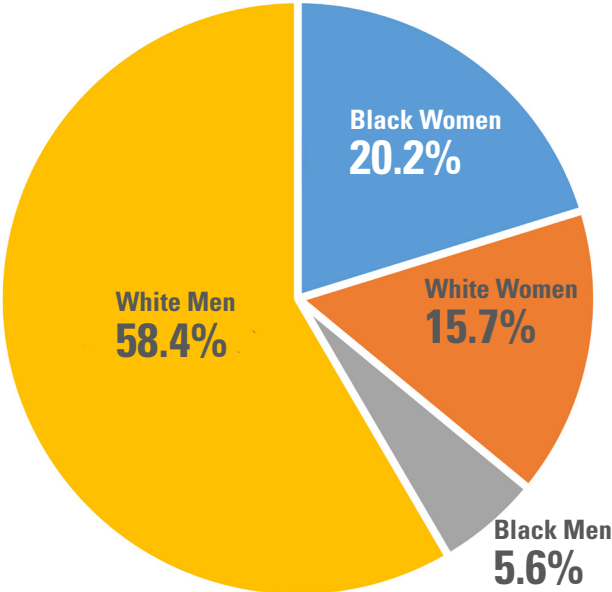




**LOUISIANA FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURTS;
LOUISIANA CITY, MUNICIPAL AND
TRAFFIC COURTS; AND LOUISIANA PARISH COURTS**

	%	Number
Black Women	20.2%	18
White Women	15.7%	14
Black Men	5.6%	5
White Men	58.4%	52
Total Number of Judges	100.0%	89
<u>Total Women</u>	36.0%	32
<u>Total Racial Minorities</u>	25.8%	23

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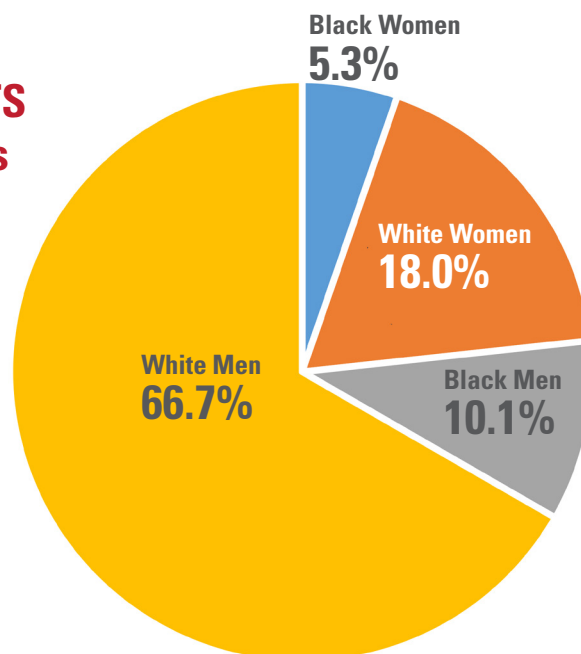




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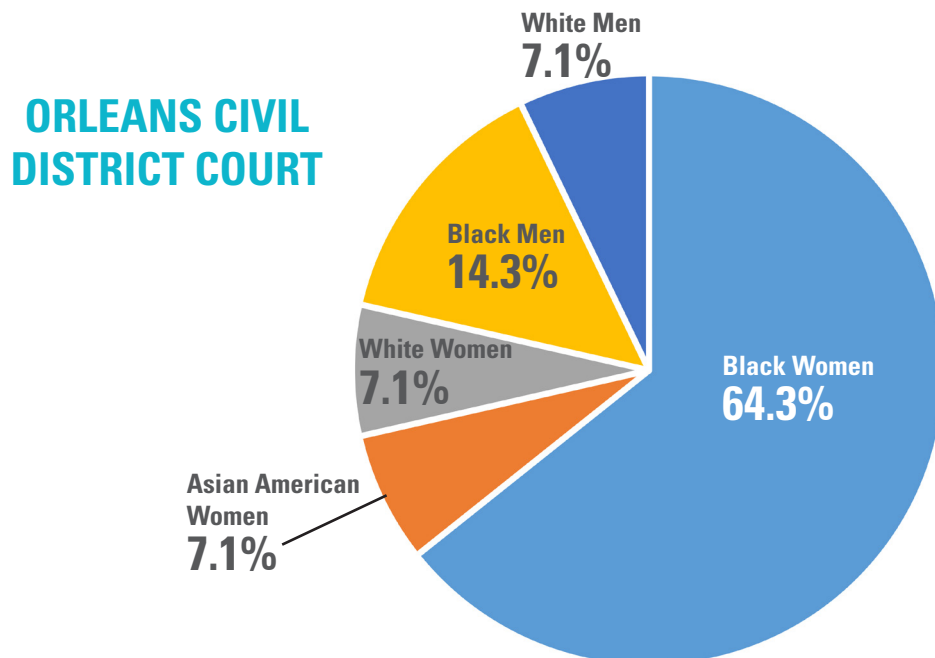
JUDICIAL DISTRICTS (Excluding Orleans District Courts)		
	%	Number
Black Women	5.3%	10
White Women	18.0%	34
Black Men	10.1%	19
White Men	66.7%	126
Total Number of Judges	100.0%	189
<u>Total Women</u>	23.3%	44
<u>Total Racial Minorities</u>	15.3%	29

**JUDICIAL DISTRICTS
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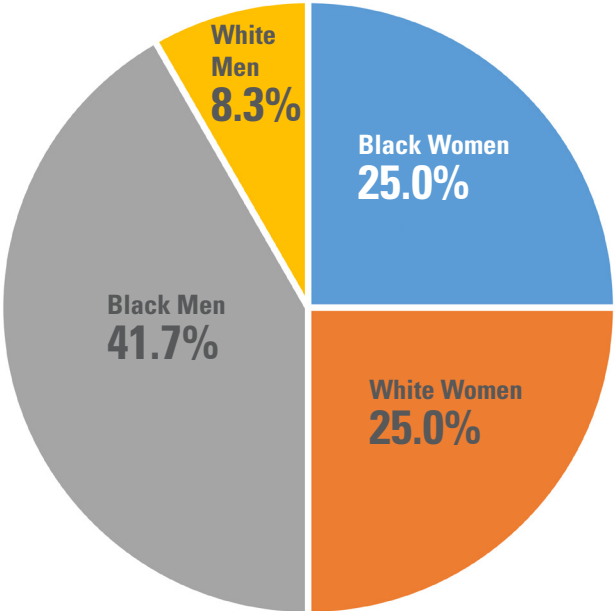
ORLEANS CIVIL DISTRICT COURT		
	%	Number
Black Women	64.3%	9
Asian American Women	7.1%	1
White Women	7.1%	1
Black Men	14.3%	2
White Men	7.1%	1
Total Number of Judges	100.0%	14
<u>Total Women</u>	78.6%	11
<u>Total Racial Minorities</u>	85.7%	12





ORLEANS CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT		
	%	Number
Black Women	25.0%	3
White Women	25.0%	3
Black Men	41.7%	5
White Men	8.3%	1
Total Number of Judges	100.0%	12
<u>Total Women</u>	50.0%	6
<u>Total Racial Minorities</u>	66.7%	8

ORLEANS CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT





CONCLUSION

Louisiana often ranks last or next to last in analyses of the pay gap between men and women, maternal and infant mortality, or percentage of women in the state legislature.¹³ Some political scientists have gone so far as to argue that women either cannot win in the South or face more significant gender-based hurdles than in other regions. Yet women do relatively well in partisan judicial elections in Louisiana, hold positions of judicial leadership, and are relatively well represented in federal courts. *The Gavel Gap* ranks Louisiana 17th among the states for a judiciary that reflects its population.¹⁴ The National Association of Women Judges' analysis puts Louisiana in the middle of the states for its representation of women judges.¹⁵ What can women seeking other leadership positions learn from the relative success of women judges in Louisiana?

Women have made significant progress in the last 10 years, moving from 21% of the judiciary to more than 31%.¹⁶ Yet progress is not natural, inevitable, or irreversible. It is likely that instead of two women on the Louisiana Supreme Court there will soon be only one and one person of color. Several states—Iowa, Indiana, Illinois—have gone from having women on their supreme courts to having none while others now have a majority of women justices. Women's and minority men's significant progress in the legal profession is no automatic guarantee of their representation in the judiciary. One need only recognize the wide variation in representation on courts to conclude that it is not a function of the composition of the legal profession.

In 2014, Louisiana elected Republican Bill Cassidy to replace Democrat Mary Landrieu who had served for 18 years and we will elect another new U.S. senator in 2016. Will the progress toward greater gender and race diversity continue? Or will the gridlock that currently plagues the federal judicial confirmation process continue or worsen with the election of a new president? Will judicial emergencies continue to grow?¹⁷ Will the Senate Judiciary Committee continue to subject women and minority men nominees to heightened scrutiny and long delays?

Those of us committed to a diverse and representative bench and equal justice under law need to keep vigilant to ensure that we do not reverse the progress Louisiana has made. We need to closely monitor reversals—when women are replaced by men or racial minorities by whites—as well as monitor our overall numbers. We need to actively recruit women and minority men to run for judicial office in Louisiana. We need to encourage our senators to work with the new president to appoint a diverse and representative bench rather than refuse to forward names to the president. We must persuade our senators to give their assent to nominees by returning their blue slips so that the Senate Judiciary Committee may schedule hearings. We need to demand that the Senate Judiciary Committee hold hearings on nominees and the full Senate to do its job to advise and consent by holding a vote on the president's nominees. We need to demystify the path to the bench, recruit women and minority men, and help them prepare to successfully navigate the process. We must educate the public and the media about the importance of a diverse and representative bench. We need to organize and mobilize to draw attention to this issue. Will you join us?



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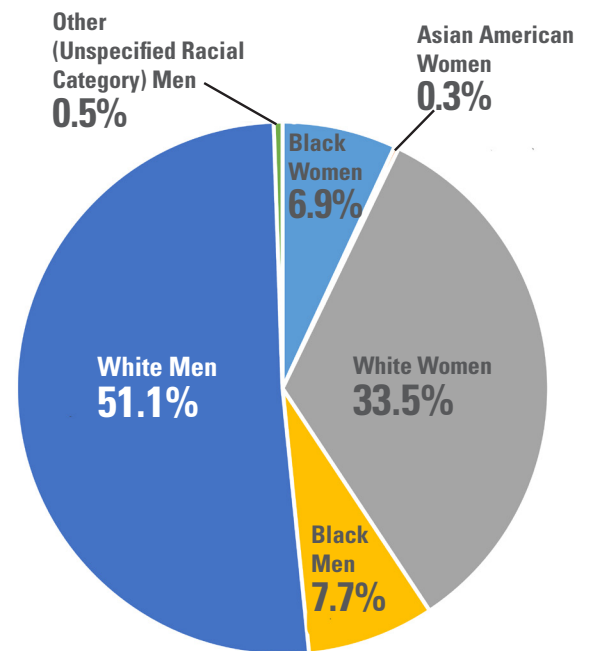


APPENDIX I

Although Justices of the Peace are elected in Louisiana, office-holders are not required to be lawyers and they have jurisdiction only on specific matters.

LOUISIANA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS <i>(*Not included in the analysis)</i>		
	%	Number
Black Women	6.9%	26
Asian American Women	0.3%	1
White Women	33.5%	126
Black Men	7.7%	29
White Men	51.1%	192
Other (Unspecified Racial Category) Men	0.5%	2
Total Number of Judges (5 judges not included due to missing racial demographic data)	100.0%	376
<u>Total Women</u>	40.7%	153
<u>Total Racial Minorities</u>	14.9%	56

LOUISIANA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS





APPENDIX II

LIST OF WOMEN AND NON-WHITE JUDGES IN LOUISIANA

STATE LEVEL JUDGES IN LOUISIANA

Supreme Court of Louisiana

Office Title	First Name	Last Name	Race	Gender	Year Joined	Term Ending Date
Chief Justice	Bernette	Joshua Johnson	Black	Female	1994	12/31/20
Assoc. Justice	Jeannette	Theriot Knoll	White	Female	1997	12/31/16

State Intermediate Appellate Court

Circuit, Division or Section	First Name	Last Name	Race	Gender	Year Joined	Term Ending Date
WOMEN						
1st Cir., 2nd Dist., Subdist. 1, Div. A	Toni	Manning Higginbotham	White	Female	2010	12/31/20
1st Circuit, 1st District, Division D	Vanessa	Guidry-Whipple	White	Female	1990	12/31/22
1st Circuit, 3rd District, Division B	Page	McClendon	White	Female	2002	12/31/22
2nd Circuit, 1st Dist., Elec. Sect. 1C	Felicia	Toney Williams	Black	Female	1993	12/31/22
2nd Circuit, 3rd Dist., Elec. Sect. 1A	Shonda	Stone	Black	Female	2016	12/31/24
2nd Circuit, 3rd Dist., Elec. Sect. 2B	Frances	Pitman	White	Female	2013	12/31/22
2nd Circuit, 3rd Dist., Elec. Sect. 2C	Jeanette	Garrett	White	Female	2013	12/31/20
3rd Circuit, 1st District, Division A	Elizabeth A.	Pickett	White	Female	1997	12/31/22
3rd Circuit, 3rd Dist., Elec. Sect. 2D	Sylvia R.	Cooks	Black	Female	1992	12/31/22
3rd Circuit, 3rd Dist., Elec. Sect. 5A	Phyllis	Montgomery Keaty	White	Female	2010	12/31/20
4th Circuit, 1st District, Division E	Terri F.	Love	Black	Female	2000	12/31/24
4th Circuit, 1st District, Division F	Madeleine M.	Landrieu	White	Female	2010	12/31/21
4th Circuit, 1st District, Division G	Rose	Ledet	Black	Female	2010	12/31/21
4th Circuit, 1st District, Division H	Sandra	Cabrina Jenkins	Black	Female	2012	12/31/22
4th Circuit, 2nd District, Division A	Joyce	Cossich 'Joy' Lobrano	White	Female	2010	12/31/21
5th Circuit, 1st District, Division B	Fredericka	Homberg Wicker	White	Female	2006	12/31/20
5th Circuit, 1st District, Division D	Susan M.	Chehardy	White	Female	1998	12/31/22
MEN						
1st Cir., 2nd Dist., Subdist. 2, Div. D	John	Michael Guidry	Black	Male	1997	12/31/21
3rd Circuit, 2nd Dist., Elec. Sect. 1C	Ulysses	Gene Thibodeaux	Black	Male	1992	12/31/20
4th Circuit, 1st District, Division A	Edwin	A. Lombard	Black	Male	2003	12/31/22
4th Circuit, 1st District, Division C	Dennis	R. Bagnieris	Black	Male	1998	12/31/18
5th Circuit, 1st Dist., Elec. Sect. 2C	Marc	E. Johnson	Black	Male	2011	12/31/24



State General Jurisdiction Courts

WOMEN

1st JDC, Election Section 1, Division B	Ramona L.	Emanuel	Black	Female	1995	12/31/20
1st JDC, Election Section 1, Division D	Karelia R.	Stewart	Black	Female	2015	12/31/20
9th JDC, Election Section 1, Division A	'M.'	Rauls	Black	Female	2015	12/31/20
14th JDC, Election Section 1, Division F	Sharon	Wilson	Black	Female	2014	12/31/20
16th JDC, Election Section 1, Division H	Lori A.	Landry	Black	Female	2002	12/31/20
19th JDC, Election Section 1, Division D	Janice	Clark	Black	Female	1993	12/31/20
19th JDC, Election Section 1, Division J	Trudy	White	Black	Female	2009	12/31/20
19th JDC, Election Section 1, Division K	Bonnie	Jackson	Black	Female	1993	12/31/20
24th Judicial District Court, ES 3, Div. C	June Berry	Darensburg	Black	Female	2006	12/31/20
40th JDC, Election Section 2, Division A	Madeline	Jasmine	Black	Female	1991	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Division A	Tiffany Gautier	Chase	Black	Female	2007	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Division B	Regina	Bartholomew	Black	Female	2011	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Division D	Nakisha	Ervin-Knott	Black	Female	2015	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Division E	Clare	Jupiter	Black	Female	2012	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Division I	Piper D.	Griffin	Black	Female	2001	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Division J	Paula	Brown	Black	Female	2010	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Division M	Paulette	Irons	Black	Female	2004	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Division N	Ethel Simms	Julien	Black	Female	1995	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Domestic Section 2	Monique	Barial	Black	Female	2015	12/31/20
ORLEANS Criminal District Court, Section B	Tracey	Flemings-Davillier	Black	Female	2013	12/31/20
ORLEANS Criminal District Court, Section E	Keva	Landrum-Johnson	Black	Female	2008	12/31/20
ORLEANS Criminal District Court, Section F	Robin	Pittman	Black	Female	2009	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Domestic Section 1	Bernadette	D'Souza	Other	Female	2012	12/31/20
1st JDC, Election Section 3, Division F	Katherine Clark	Dorroh	White	Female	2013	12/31/20
1st JDC, Election Section 3, Division K	Erin Leigh Waddell	Garrett	White	Female	2015	12/31/20
2nd Judicial District, Division A	Jenifer	Clason	White	Female	1992	12/31/20
3rd Judicial District, Division A	Cynthia T. 'Cindy'	Woodard	White	Female	1996	12/31/20
4th JDC, Election Section 2, Division B	Sharon Ingram	Marchman	White	Female	2000	12/31/20
7th Judicial District, Division A	Kathy A.	Johnson	White	Female	1996	12/31/20
9th JDC, Election Section 2, Division C	Mary	Doggett	White	Female	2008	12/31/20
9th JDC, Election Section 2, Division E	Patricia	Koch	White	Female	2005	12/31/20
10th Judicial District, Division A	Desiree	Dyess	White	Female	2015	12/31/20
10th Judicial District, Division B	Lala Brittain	Sylvester	White	Female	2015	12/31/20
14th JDC, Elect. Sect. 1 & 3, Division I	Lilynn A.	Cutrer	White	Female	1999	12/31/20
15th JDC, Election Section 2, Division E	Michelle Meaux	Breaux	White	Female	2015	12/31/20
15th JDC, Election Section 3, Division L	Marilyn	Castle	White	Female	1999	12/31/20
15th JDC, Election Section 5, Division G	Laurie A.	Hulin	White	Female	2015	12/31/20
18th JDC, Election Section 2, Division D	Elizabeth	Engolio	White	Female	2016	12/31/20
20th Judicial District, Division A	Betsy	Jones	White	Female	2015	12/31/20
21st Judicial District, Division B	Charlotte	Hughes-Foster	White	Female	2016	12/31/20
21st Judicial District, Division E	Brenda Bedsole	Ricks	White	Female	1997	12/31/20
21st Judicial District, Division F	Elizabeth 'Beth'	Wolfe	White	Female	2005	12/31/20
21st Judicial District, Division I	Blair Downing	Edwards	White	Female	2009	12/31/20
22nd Judicial District, Division H	Allison Hopkins	Penzato	White	Female	2009	12/31/20
22nd Judicial District, Division K	Mary	Devereux	White	Female	2009	12/31/20
22nd Judicial District, Division L	Dawn	Amacker	White	Female	2009	12/31/20
23rd Judicial District Court, ES 2, Division C	Tess Percy	Stromberg	White	Female	2015	12/31/20
23rd Judicial District Court, ES 2, Division D	Jessie M.	LeBlanc	White	Female	2012	12/31/20
24th Judicial District Court, ES 1, Division O	Danyelle	Taylor	White	Female	2015	12/31/20
24th Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. I	Nancy A.	Miller	White	Female	2009	12/31/20
24th Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. K	Ellen Shirer	Kovach	White	Female	2009	12/31/20
29th Judicial District, Division D	M. Lauren	Lemmon	White	Female	2008	12/31/20
34th Judicial District, Division B	Jeanne Nunez	Juneau	White	Female	2014	12/31/20
34th Judicial District, Division C	Kim Cooper	Jones	White	Female	2015	12/31/20
36th Judicial District, Division A	Martha Ann	O'Neal	White	Female	2009	12/31/20
38th Judicial District	Penelope	Richard	White	Female	2008	12/31/20
40th JDC, Election Section 1, Division B	Mary Hotard	Becnel	White	Female	1993	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Division G	Robin	Giarrusso	White	Female	1988	12/31/20
ORLEANS Criminal District Court, Section A	Laurie	White	White	Female	2008	12/31/20
ORLEANS Criminal District Court, Section H	Camille	Buras	White	Female	1998	12/31/20
ORLEANS Criminal District Court, Section I	Karen	Herman	White	Female	2008	12/31/20



State General Jurisdiction Courts

MEN

1st JDC, Election Section 1, Division G	John	Mosely	Black	Male	1995	12/31/20
1st JDC, Election Section 1, Division J	Ramon	Lafitte	Black	Male	2009	12/31/20
4th JDC, Election Section 1, Division G	Carl	Sharp	Black	Male	1993	12/31/20
4th JDC, Election Section 1, Division H	Larry D.	Jefferson	Black	Male	2015	12/31/20
4th JDC, Election Section 1, Division I	Alvin R.	Sharp	Black	Male	1996	12/31/20
4th JDC, Election Section 1, Division J	Robert C.	Johnson	Black	Male	2009	12/31/20
9th JDC, Election Section 1, Division F	George C.	Metoyer	Black	Male	1992	12/31/20
14th JDC, Election Section 1, Division H	Ronald 'Ron'	Ware	Black	Male	2008	12/31/20
15th JDC, Election Section 1, Division B	Jules	Edwards	Black	Male	1992	12/31/20
15th JDC, Election Section 1, Division D	Edward D.	Rubin	Black	Male	1993	12/31/20
16th JDC, Election Section 1, Division G	Curtis	Sigur	Black	Male	2015	12/31/20
18th JDC, Election Section 1, Division C	Alvin	Batiste	Black	Male	2003	12/31/20
19th JDC, Election Section 1, Division B	'Don'	Johnson	Black	Male	1999	12/31/20
19th JDC, Election Section 1, Division O	Wilson	Fields	Black	Male	2001	12/31/20
23rd Judicial District Court, ES 1, Division E	Alvin	Turner	Black	Male	1994	12/31/20
24th Judicial District Court, ES 3, Div. G	Adrian	Adams	Black	Male	2015	12/31/20
24th Judicial District Court, ES 3, Div. P	Lee V.	Faulkner	Black	Male	2009	12/31/20
27th JDC, Election Section 1, Division C	Alonzo	Harris	Black	Male	1993	12/31/20
32nd Judicial District, Division C	Juan	Pickett	Black	Male	2015	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Division C	Sidney H.	Cates	Black	Male	2004	12/31/20
ORLEANS Civil District Court, Division L	Kern A.	Reese	Black	Male	2001	12/31/20
ORLEANS Criminal District Court, Section C	Benedict 'Ben'	Willard	Black	Male	2003	12/31/20
ORLEANS Criminal District Court, Section G	Byron C.	Williams	Black	Male	2015	12/31/20
ORLEANS Criminal District Court, Section J	Darryl	Derbigny	Black	Male	2003	12/31/20
ORLEANS Criminal District Court, Section K	Arthur	Hunter	Black	Male	1997	12/31/20
ORLEANS Magistrate Section, Criminal District Court	Harry	Cantrell	Black	Male	2014	12/31/20

Special Jurisdiction Courts

WOMEN

Municipal Court New Orleans	Desiree M.	Charbonnet	Black	Female
1st City Court, Sect. C, City of New Orleans	Veronica E.	Henry	Black	Female
1st City Court, Sect. A, City of New Orleans	Monique G.	Morial	Black	Female
1st City Court, Sect. B, City of New Orleans	Angelique A.	Reed	Black	Female
City Court, El. Sect. 1D, Baton Rouge	Yvette Mansfield	Alexander	Black	Female
2nd City Court, City of New Orleans	E. 'Teena'	Anderson-Trahan	Black	Female
City Court, El. Sect. 1B, Baton Rouge	Kelli Terrell	Temple	Black	Female
Juvenile Court, Section C	Candice Bates	Anderson	Black	Female
City Court, Division C, City of Monroe	Aisha	Clark	Black	Female
Juvenile Court, Section E	Desiree	Cook-Calvin	Black	Female
Juvenile Court, Section A	Ernestine S.	Gray	Black	Female
City Court, City of Opelousas	Vanessa	Harris	Black	Female
Juvenile Court, Elec. Sect. 2B	Pamela Taylor 'Pam'	Johnson	Black	Female
Elec. Dist. 2, Div. C, City of Shreveport	Pammela S.	Lattier	Black	Female
City Court, Division A, City of Monroe	Tammy D.	Lee	Black	Female
Elec. Dist. 2, Div. D, City of Shreveport	Sheva M.	Sims	Black	Female
Juvenile Court, Section B	Tammy	Stewart	Black	Female
Election Section 1, Division B	Lisa	Woodruff White	Black	Female
City Court, El. Sect. 2A, Baton Rouge	Laura Prosser	Davis	White	Female
Parish Court	Marilyn	Lambert	White	Female
City Court, El. Sect. 2E, Baton Rouge	Suzan S.	Ponder	White	Female
City Court, City of Oakdale	Judi F.	Abrusley	White	Female
Election Section 3, Division A	Pamela	Baker	White	Female
2nd Parish Court, Division B	Raylyn Reine	Beevers	White	Female
City Court, Division A, City of Lafayette	'Francie'	Bouillion	White	Female
Election Section 2, Division C	Charlene Charlet	Day	White	Female
City Court, City of Hammond	Grace Bennett	Gasaway	White	Female
Juvenile Court, Section B	Andrea Price	Janzen	White	Female
Juvenile Court, Section A	Ann Murry	Keller	White	Female
1st Parish Court, Division A	Rebecca	Olivier	White	Female
City Court, City of Crowley	Marie B. 'Melise'	Trahan	White	Female
City Court, City of Winnfield	Anastasia 'Staci'	Wiley	White	Female

MEN

Traffic Court, Div. B, City of New Orleans	Robert E. 'Bobby'	Jones	Black	Male
City Court, Division C, City of Baton Rouge	Tarvald Anthony	Smith	Black	Male
Traffic Court, Div. A, City of New Orleans	Herbert	Cade	Black	Male
City Court, City of Baker	Kirk A.	Williams	Black	Male
Traffic Court, Div. D, City of New Orleans	Steven	Jupiter	Black	Male



FEDERAL LEVEL JUDGES IN LOUISIANA

U.S. DISTRICT COURTS

<u>EASTERN DISTRICT COURT</u>			Race	Gender	Date Commission Received
	Helen G.	Berrigan	White	Female	3/10/94
	Nannette Jolivette	Brown	Black	Female	10/4/11
	Jane Triche	Milazzo	White	Female	10/12/11
	Susie	Morgan	White	Female	3/30/12
	Sarah S.	Vance	White	Female	9/29/94
<u>WESTERN DISTRICT COURT</u>					
	Rebecca F.	Doherty	White	Female	11/5/91
	Elizabeth Erny	Foote	White	Female	6/15/10
	Patricia	Minaldi	White	Female	5/3/03
<u>MIDDLE DISTRICT</u>					
	Shelley	Dick	White	Female	5/10/13
	Brian	Jackson	Black	Male	6/15/10

FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

Edith Brown	Clement	White	Female	11/26/01
Jennifer Walker	Elrod	White	Female	10/19/07
Catharina	Haynes	White	Female	4/18/08
Edith Hollan	Jones	White	Female	4/4/85
Priscilla Richman	Owen	White	Female	6/3/05
James Earl	Graves, Jr.	Black	Male	2/15/11
Edward Charles	Prado	Hispanic	Male	5/5/03
Carl E.	Stewart	Black	Male	5/9/94

