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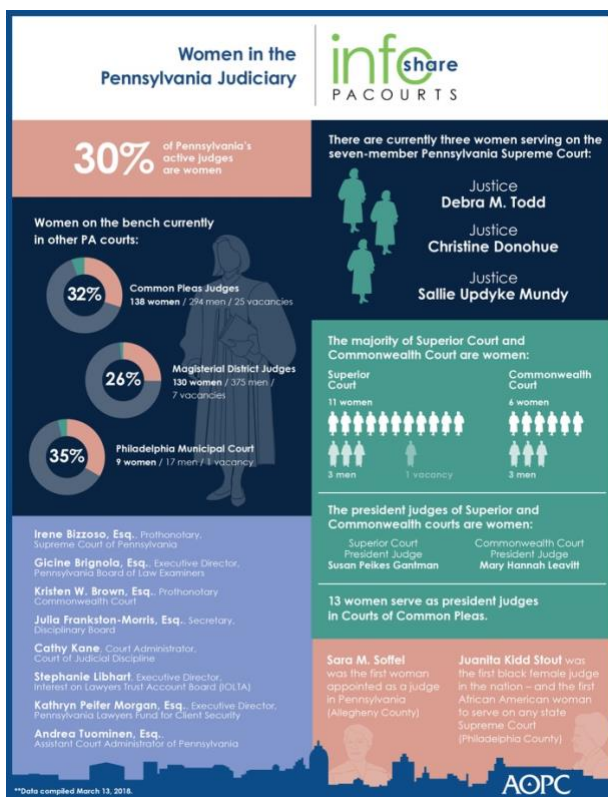
Women in the Pennsylvania judiciary

HARRISBURG — March is National Women’s History Month, an ideal time to look at the history of women in the Pennsylvania judiciary as well as those women currently serving.

It has been 88 years since the first woman, **Sara M. Soffel** (Allegheny), served as a judge in Pennsylvania. Today, **30 percent** of Pennsylvania’s active judges are women who serve the courts at the appellate, trial and minor court levels.

In fact, there are currently three women serving on the seven-member Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The majority of the judges now serving on the Superior Court (**79 percent**) and Commonwealth Court (**67 percent**) are women, and the president judges of both of those courts are women. Additionally, 13 women serve as president judges in the Courts of Common Pleas.

The infographic below highlights data about women on the bench. [Download a high-resolution version](#) of the graphic.



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