

## **Justice Juanita Kidd Stout**

1919-1998

### **Term**

February 25, 1988-January 2, 1989

### **Education**

- University of Iowa, B.A., 1939
- Indiana University School of Law, J.D., 1948; LL.M., 1954

### **Professional Experience**

- Taught high school, Seminole Oklahoma, 1939-1941
- Taught high school, Sand Springs, Oklahoma, 1941-1942
- Stenographer, Houston, Houston, and Hastie, Washington D.C., early 1942-1945
- Taught Business and Insurance Law, 1948
- Adjunct Teacher, Florida A. & M. and Texas Southern University, 1948-1949
- Administrative Secretary, William H. Hastie, Judge U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 1950-1954
- Admitted to Philadelphia Bar, 1954
- Private Practice, 1954-1960
- Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia District Attorney Office, 1954-1959
- Governor David Lawrence nominated Stout, Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, Sept. 21, 1959, confirmed by Senate on October 13, 1959; served from October 1959-January 1960
- Elected, Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, November 1959; re-elected 1969, retained November 1979
- Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, January 1960-March 1988
- President Kennedy appointed Stout as Special Ambassador of the United States Delegation to the Kenya, Africa Independence Celebration, 1963
- Appointed American Specialist under the Cultural and Educational Exchange Program of the State Department to tour six African Countries, 1967
- Governor Robert P. Casey, Sr. nominated Stout as Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, January 15, 1988, confirmed by Senate, February 8, 1988
- Senior Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, January 1989-1998

### **Honors and Awards**

- First African-American woman appointed to a judgeship in Pennsylvania
- First African-American woman elected to a judgeship in Pennsylvania in the United States
- First African-American woman Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and first one in the highest state supreme court in the United States
- Honorary doctoral (LL.D.) degrees: Ursinus, 1965; Indiana U., Bloomington, 1966; Lebanon Valley College, 1969; Drexel University, 1972; Rockford College, 1974; Hum. Let. D., Russell Sage College, 1966
- Distinguished Service Award, University of Iowa
- Jane Addams Medal by Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois
- Henry G. Bennett Distinguished Service Award by Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma
- Veil-Lifting Award by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Alumni Association of Tuskegee Institute
- Inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, November 16, 1981
- Charles Hamilton Houston Medallion of Merit, Washington Bar Association, 1988
- Justice of the Year, National Association of Women Judges, October 1988
- Governor Robert P. Casey, Sr. named her a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania, October 13, 1988
- MPC/Gimbels Award for her humanitarian support, November 4, 1988
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy Humanitarian Award, Board of Education, City of Philadelphia, December 1989.



- Philadelphia Court facility renamed Justice Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice, 2012
- Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame, 1983

### **Memberships and Associations**

- American, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Bar Associations
- Governor's Justice Commission
- Delta Sigma Theta Society

### **Publications**

- Executive Clemency in Pennsylvania. 22 *The Shingle* 111 (May 1959)
- Shall We Recommend. *The Eastern Echo* (Spring 1960)
- The Suitable Home—One Proposal for Preventing Juvenile Delinquency. 34 *Temple L.Q.* 124 (1960-1961)
- The Life of Richard Allen. *The A.M.E. Review* (April-June 1963)
- Why Must the Taxpayer Subsidize Immortality. *The Sunday Bulletin Magazine* (March 7, 1967)
- Troubled Children and Reading Achievement. *Catholic Library World* (May-June 1965)
- Building for the Future. *Teen Times* (Sept.-Oct. 1965)
- The Twentieth Century Frontier. *The Review* (1970)
- Queries on Jury Confusion—A View from the Bench. *Verdict* (May 1970)
- Address by Hon. Juanita Stout. 70 no. 2 *Women Lawyers Journal* 5 (Winter 1984)
- Hon. Juanita Kidd Stout. 27 *New England L. Rev.* 648 (1993)

### **Sources**

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Robert Mcg. Thomas, Jr., J.K Stout, Pioneering Judge In Pennsylvania, Is Dead at 79, *N. Y. Times* (August 24, 1998); Hon. Juanita Kidd Stout, 27 *New Eng. L. Rev.* 649 (1992-93).