

Tyrone Drummond Collection

on

Judge Juanita Kidd Stout

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Juanita Kidd Stout  
(1919- )

Juanita Kidd Stout was born March 7, 1919 in Wewoka, Oklahoma. She was the only child of Henry and Mary Kidd. Under the encouragement of her parents, Juanita Kidd Stout became an accomplished pianist in her early years. In 1939, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from the University of Iowa. She taught four years in the public school system. After visiting Washington, D.C. with a college friend, Stout's interest turned to law.

Judge Stout received her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Indiana University in 1948, and a Master of Law degree (specializing in legislation) from Indiana University in 1954. After she received her law degree, Stout served as administrative secretary to the Honorable William H. Hastie, U.S. Court of Appeals for Third Circuit. Stout served in this position for five and a half years, until she passed the Pennsylvania Bar Examination and entered her own private practice. About a year later, she was nominated for the vacancy of assistant district attorney for the city of Philadelphia. Stout was nominated with the recommendation that she was the only lawyer there who would work hard enough to clean up the backlog of unfinished work. She successfully completed the job in six months and was promoted to Chief of Appeals in the Pardons and Paroles Divisions of the district attorney's office. Judge Stout then went on to serve as Judge of the County Court of Philadelphia, 1959-1968 and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 1969-1988. She was the first black woman to be elected to a court of records in the United States. In 1988, she became the first black woman named to the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court.

A recipient of over 100 awards and citations, Judge Stout has been inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Hall of Fame for Women. She has listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who of American Women, and Who's Who in American Law. She is the widow of Dr. Charles Otis Stout, a retired professor of the University of Maryland.

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