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# Sonia Sotomayor

**Born:**

1954

New York, NY

**Received Commission:**

August 12, 1992

Service terminated on October 13, 1998, due to appointment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Commissioned August 6, 2009 as the 111th Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

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From October 2, 1992 until October 7, 1998, future Justice Sonia Sotomayor served as a United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York. From October 7, 1998 until her confirmation to the United States Supreme Court, she served as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In May 2009, President Obama nominated her to be the 111th Justice of the Supreme Court and the first justice of Hispanic heritage. She took her seat on the Court in August 2009.

Justice Sotomayor began her legal career in 1979 as an Assistant District Attorney in New York County. In 1984 and until her first judicial appointment, she practiced with the law firm of Pavia & Harcourt as an associate and later partner. Her focus at the firm was on intellectual property issues and international litigation and arbitration of commercial and commodity export trading cases. She also served as a member of the Second Circuit Task Force on Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts and was formerly on the Board of Directors of the State of New York Mortgage Agency, the New York City Campaign Finance Board, the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Maternity Center Association.

After graduating from Princeton University summa cum laude in 1976, Justice Sotomayor attended Yale Law School. At Yale, she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal and managing editor of the Yale Studies in World Public Order.

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