In 1988, Judge Stout became the first African American woman in the United States to serve on a state Supreme Court. It was the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Earlier in 1960, Judge Stout was the first African American woman to be elected to a municipal court. She graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in Wewoka, Oklahoma. Mrs. Stout was a music teacher in Seminole and Sand Springs, Oklahoma, before she attended Indiana University law school.