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Sonia Sotomayor (*1954)

Lawyer & Judge

Born in the Bronx to Puerto Rican immigrant parents, her childhood dream of becoming a police officer was thwarted by a diabetes diagnosis at the age of eight. Instead, she developed an early interest in law and the justice system.



After studying law at *Princeton*, she transferred to *Yale Law School*, where she earned her degree.



She then worked as a prosecutor in Manhattan and was appointed a federal judge in 1992.

In 1998, she was elevated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Over the next ten years, she presided over more than 3,000 cases and authored around 380 judicial opinions.



After teaching at *New York University*, she was nominated to the Supreme Court by President Obama in 2009 – becoming the first Latina and the third woman to hold this position.



She is considered a centrist with clear positions on minority rights and human rights.





„Don't let fear stop you. Don't give up because you are paralyzed by insecurity or overwhelmed by the odds.“

"Lass dich nicht von Angst aufhalten. Gib nicht auf, nur weil du von Unsicherheit gelähmt oder von den Umständen überwältigt bist."

