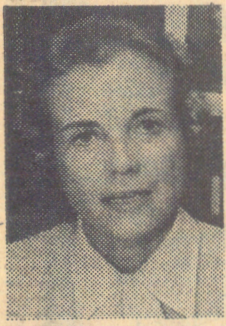


Arizona woman is new Supreme Court justice



O'Connor

She served in the state senate from 1969 to 1975, when she became a Maricopa County Superior Court judge.

Sandra D. O'Connor was sworn in Friday as the first woman justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mrs. O'Connor, whose home is in Paradise Valley, has been a senator and judge in Arizona.

In the news

In 1979 Gov. Bruce Babbitt appointed her to the Arizona Court of Appeals. She resigned from that position last week after the U.S. Senate approved her appointment as Supreme Court justice. President Reagan had nominated her when Justice Potter Stewart retired in July.

Mrs. O'Connor will begin her duties Oct. 5, when the 1981-82 court term starts. At age 51, she will be the

youngest member of the court and its 102nd justice.

The Supreme Court, the nation's highest court, is 191 years old. It has nine members. One of these is the chief justice, Warren Burger. The other eight members are called associate justices (judges).

One of the court's main duties is to decide if local, state and federal governments are following the U.S. Constitution.

The court determines what the Constitution means and applies it to the cases it hears. Its decisions are important because other courts must follow them in similar cases.

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O'CONNOR

Facing Two Of The Country's Hardest Roles: Supreme Court Justice And First Woman



Ellen Goodman

The Boston Globe

O'Connor wants to be remembered as a good justice, but she will be judged, in large part, as a Woman Justice. Her opinions will be scrutinized for signs of her sex; her behavior will be analyzed for clues of her kind.

Like every other first woman, she will be visible and vulnerable, the one justice in the photograph whom everyone can name.

She will be criticized if she doesn't "think like a male justice" and criticized if she does. Someone will surely want her to prove that a woman on the bench makes a difference, and someone else will want her to prove that women on the bench are no different.

It is, as Margaret Hennig, dean of the Graduate School of Business Management at Simmons (and who has studied first women in business) describes it, "a godawful burden. She knows she is going to have to prove, prove, prove."

To begin with, having run the gauntlet of confirmation hearings, O'Connor now will have to deal with a new set of all-male colleagues in the give-and-take of the Supreme Court chambers.

As Hennig says, "She will be walking into a male world and she'll have to establish herself. Most women who successfully join a male task



"Sandra O'Connor, how plead you to the heinous charge of secular womanism?"

group try to establish themselves at the level of technical competence. And while they do that, they begin to build one-on-one relationships so that when they are in group settings, they have some alliances. That's real hard when you are on the Supreme Court and

have to perform right away." If the public expects first women to be either wonderful or terrible, says Hennig, that woman is inclined to respond by being safe and moderate. But Sandra O'Connor is not Every Firstwoman. Nor is the Supreme Court every job.

She comes to a post with lifetime tenure and she comes to it with strengths. At 51, she has the maturity, the manners and mentors of success. Like any woman lawyer or judge of her age, she must by now have become accustomed to being the first, the only.

Like Frances Perkins, the first woman Cabinet member, appointed in 1933 by FDR, O'Connor has consciously chosen the risky rewards of a pioneer. As Secretary of Labor Perkins put it, "I had been taught long ago by my grandmother that if anybody opens a door, one should always go through."

The first woman justice didn't have to leave much behind as she went through the doors. Unlike others before her, O'Connor hasn't had to choose between love and work. Unlike others before her, she hasn't had to choose between being a woman and a success. She has been bolstered by both the support of family and the women filling up the ranks in the law behind her.

With all these strengths, she may hold the one quality that separates out the First Woman who makes a difference: the quality of personal integrity. The successful First Woman has the ability to put aside all the ambivalent expectations of the world, the ability to put to rest all the over-attentive claims of coworkers, and be true to her own beliefs.

That, it seems to me, is a pretty good qualification for any Justice — the 102nd or the first.

Last Friday, Sandra O'Connor joined The Brethren. And an elite sisterhood. Last Friday, Sandra O'Connor became the 102nd Supreme Court Justice. And the first woman Justice.

As all the speeches about barrier-breaking, history-making, inner-circle-integrating end, she is settling down to two of the hardest roles in the country: Supreme Court Justice and First Woman.

In some ways, this woman who won her robe with the unanimous consent of the Senate and the goodwill of the people, with the approval of conservatives and the best wishes of the women's rights activists, faces the issues shared by any woman who has ever been the first, the exception, the only, the other.

How do you deal with the extra burdens? How do you live with the attention and the expectations? With the demands of conscience and history?

Justice O'Connor arranges legal exercises

Republic Wire Services

The sign-up rate by women employees of the U.S. Supreme Court has been brisk for daily early-morning exercises sponsored by the court's newest justice, Sandra O'Connor.

One of Justice O'Connor's clerks circulated a memo earlier this week inviting women employees to join the exercises, starting Monday, to be supervised by a YMCA instructor.

One of the morning recruits confessed, however, that she was more interested in meeting the top court's new jurist than in starting the workday with grunts and groans.

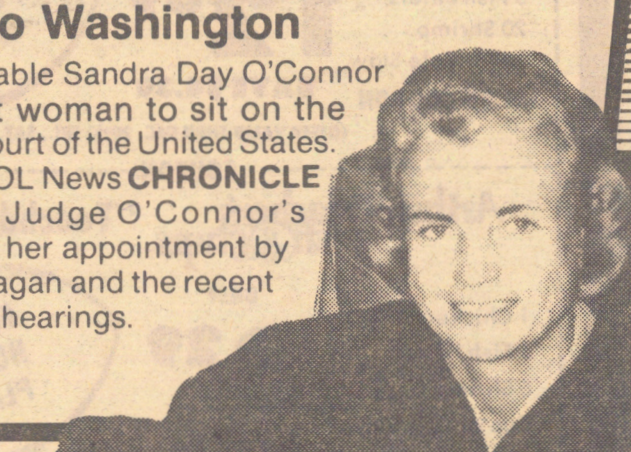
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JUSTICE O'CONNOR

Judge O'Connor Goes To Washington

The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor is the first woman to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States. Tonight KOOL News CHRONICLE 10 looks at Judge O'Connor's background, her appointment by President Reagan and the recent confirmation hearings.

6:30PM



Sandra O'Connor

Reach for the Best KOOLNEWS 10

5:30 SUNRISE SEMESTER	ADVENTURE — "Mexico's Golden Sea"	television that provides a fictional account of the incredibly realistic games conducted by the U.S. Air Force.
6:00 THE BUGS BUNNY/ROADRUNNER SHOW	5:00 KIDSWORLD	
7:30 THE POPEYE AND OLIVE COMEDY SHOW	5:30 CBS NEWS/SCHIEFFER	10:00 KOOL NEWS/VAN SANT, PYBURN
8:00 BLACK STAR	6:00 KOOL NEWS/VAN SANT, PYBURN	10:30 THE FLIP WILSON SHOW — Sandy Duncan, Jim Nabors and Slappy White are guests.
8:30 THE TARZAN/LONE RANGER/ZORRO ADVENTURE HOUR	6:30 CHRONICLE 10 — "Judge O'Connor Goes to Washington"	11:30 KOOL FAMILY MOVIE — "The Stripper" — Starring Joanne Woodward, Richard Beymer, Gypsy Rose Lee.
9:30 THE TOM & JERRY COMEDY SHOW	7:00 WALT DISNEY — "The Love Bug" Part 2 — Starring Dean Jones, Michele Lee and Buddy Hackett.	1:05 KOOL LATE NEWS
10:00 THE NEW FAT ALBERT SHOW	8:00 THE CBS SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIES — "Red Flag: The Ultimate Game." — Barry Bostwick, Joan Van Ark and William Devane star in this motion picture-for-	
10:30 30 MINUTES		
11:00 THE KWICKY KOALA SHOW		
11:30 TROLLKINS		
12:00 NINOS CONTENTOS		
12:30 CHAPTER 10		
1:00 WHERE THE JOBS ARE		
1:30 CBS SPORTS SATURDAY		
3:00 MEDICAL CENTER		
4:00 GREAT		



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Fine service

We want to thank you very much for your part in bringing the Sandra O'Connor hearings to the public. This was a fine service to the community.

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Falwell And O'Connor

Editor:

I could not help but think of Arizona's Sandra O'Connor and how she must have felt, honored by the president of the United States, a Rose Garden reception, and a White House luncheon.

This great and most deserved honor, could only be topped by the endorsement of the great Jerry Falwell. Personally, I would rather be bitten by a Cobra.

MEL WILLIAMS
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