Timeline of Sonia Sotomayor's Life (So Far)

Sonia Sotomayor is the first Latina Supreme Court Justice in United States history.

The Supreme Court is the highest court in the country, meaning its decisions on court cases are final. The Justices are nominated by the President and serve a lifetime appointment after the Senate approves their nomination.

Directions: Use the timeline about Sonia Sotomayor's life to answer questions about her.

1. What event happened after Sonia Sotomayor joined the law firm of Pavia & Harcourt?

She became a judge in the Southern District of New York in 1992.

- 2. How many years was Sonia Sotomayor a lawyer before becoming a judge?
- She was a lawyer from 1979 to 1992 when she became a judge. She was a lawyer for 13 years.
- 3. In what year did Sonia Sotomayor become a judge in the Southern District of New York?

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4. What do you wonder about Sonia Sotomayor that you cannot find on the timeline?

Student answers will vary.

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nswers Born on June 25	1954
Diagnosed with Diabetes	1961
Father died	1963
Got a set of encyclopedias	1966
Graduated from high school	1972
Graduated from Princeton University	1976
Graduated from Yale Law School	1979
Became an Assistant District Attorney in New York County	1979
Joined the law firm of Pavia & Harcourt	1984
Became a US District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York	1992
Joined the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit as a Judge	1998
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4. Write on the lines the missing information from this piece of the timeline.



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5. Do some research about Sonia Sotomayor. What events would you like to add to the timeline? What events would you eliminate? Explain your choices.

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