



## The Civil Rights Division celebrates Women's History Month.



### Employee Spotlight

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**Favorite DEI Quote:** "In diversity there is beauty and there is strength." - Dr. Maya Angelou

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#### **Tell us what Women's History Month means to you and why?**

Women's History Month is an excellent time to recognize the contributions of women throughout history that have changed all of our lives for the better.

#### **Who are the most influential women role models in your life?**

As an attorney, one notable female role model that comes to mind is Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female justice on the United States Supreme Court. Justice O'Connor passed away a few months ago, but her legacy lives on in the increasing number of female judges and attorneys in America today.

#### **How important is diversity, equity, or inclusion in the workplace?**

Diversity can bring a variety of perspectives to the table, bolstering workplace problem-solving skills and vision.

#### **Describe an initiative that you feel can promote others to participate in DEI efforts?**

I am a member of the Lawyers' Association for Women – Marion Griffin Chapter in Nashville, which is an organization comprised of women and men that emphasizes and addresses issues of concern to women within the legal profession, and I encourage all interested attorneys to participate.