

# Constance Baker Motley

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A key strategist of the civil rights movement and law clerk to Thurgood Marshall during the *Brown v. Board of Education* lawsuit. Baker Motley was the first African American woman appointed to the United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. She served as a state senator, and Borough President of Manhattan, New York City.

