

England and Wales - Women Judges in 2000 and 2011

These tables show how the proportion of women judges has changed from 2000 to 2011 in the Supreme Court (formerly the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords), Court of Appeal and High Court

The Supreme Court of the UK

Supreme Court	No. of Women Judges	Total no. of Judges	% of Women Judges
2 October 2000	0	11	0
14 February 2011	1	11	8.3%

Lady Hale became the first woman Lord of Appeal in Ordinary when she was appointed in January 2004. She is the only woman Supreme Court judge (out of 11, as at February 2011).

Source: www.judiciary.gov.uk.

The Court of Appeal of England & Wales

Court of Appeal	No. of Women Judges	Total no. of Judges	% of Women Judges
2 October 2000	3	40	7.5%
14 February 2011	4	43	9.3%
Easter 2011	3*	43	7.0%

* Lady Justice Smith retires at Easter 2011. There will be three women judges if her successor is a male judge.

The High Court of England and Wales

High Court	No. of Women Judges	Total no. of Judges	% of Women Judges
2 October 2000	8	104	7.7%
14 February 2011	17*	110	15.5%

* Of the 17 current women High Court judges, 8 were selected by the Judicial Appointments Commission (JAC). The JAC completed its first High Court selection exercise in May 2007.

- On 2 October 2000 there were 5 women QBD judges (7.2%), no women Chancery judges (0%) and 3 women Family judges (16.7%).
- On 14 February 2011 there were 9 women QBD judges (12.3%), 1 woman Chancery judge (5.6%) and 7 women Family judges (36.8%).

Sources: ICLR Law Reports (for 2 October 2000), www.judiciary.gov.uk (for 10 February 2011) and www.judicialappointments.gov.uk.