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Jane Bolin

Jane Bolin was born in New York in 1908. She knew she wanted to be a lawyer from the time she was a little girl. She worked in her father's law office, as she grew up.

She was the first African American woman to graduate from Yale Law School in 1931. She continued to work in her father's law office until she passed her boards in 1932.

She married a lawyer named Ralph Mizelle and they opened their own law firm. The mayor of New York appointed Jane to be a Judge of the Domestic Relations Court in 1939. She served for 40 years.

During this time, she made 2 major changes to laws. The first one being that probation officers would be assigned to cases with disregard to race and the second being that child-care agencies would accept all children no matter their race.

She was forced to retire in 1979 when she reached the mandatory retirement age for judges. She served on the New York State University Board of Regents, where she reviewed disciplinary cases. She died in 2007 in New York City.

Who is this passage about?

What is she famous for?

What did she do to help other African Americans?

