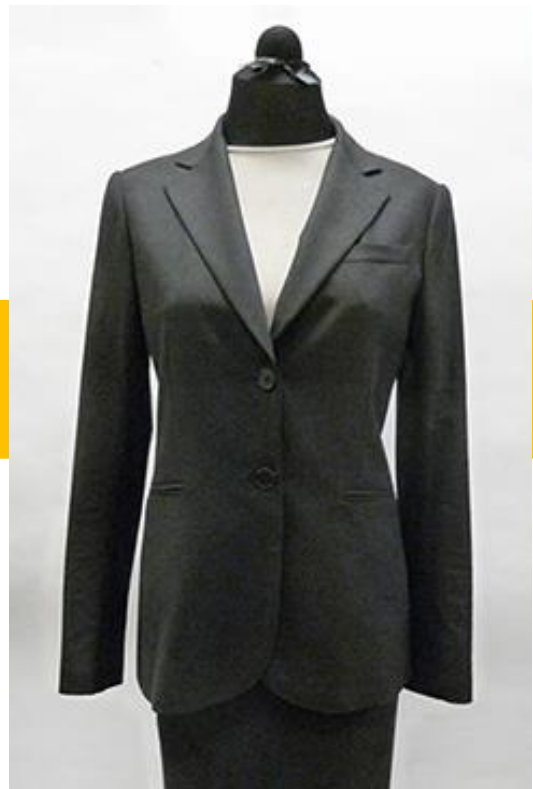


NOTABLE MISSOURIANS AND TIGERS COLLECTION

**Ann Covington (JD, University of Missouri, '77)
First Female Judge and Chief Justice
of the Missouri Supreme Court**



Ann Covington (b.1942-) began her trailblazing law career as one of a small handful of women in the University of Missouri's School of Law, graduating with her JD in 1977. In 1987 Covington became the first woman on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District. In 1989, Ann Covington became the first woman on the Missouri Supreme Court, and remained the only woman while serving on the Court until 2001. She also served as the first woman chief justice from 1993 to 1995. Covington recalls feeling "invisible" as the Court's first and only woman, and carefully considered her dress and behavior to help ensure she would not be the last. This included dressing in styles similar to those worn by her male counterparts: sedate suit jackets and skirts rather than pants, as dresses were not considered professional attire as a member of the Supreme Court.

ARTIFACT: Black polyester jacket and skirt (Late 1990s-2001) Gifts of Ann Covington
Portrait Image: Chief Justice Ann Covington, 1993-95. Gift of Ann Covington.