

First Ladies

First woman to graduate from a law degree in Australia

*Ada Emily Evans,
26 December 1902,
University of Sydney*

First woman admitted as a solicitor in Australia

*Flos Greig,
1 August 1905,
Victoria*

First female legal partnership

*Dorothy Somerville and
Mary Tenison Woods,
1925*

First female QC in Australia

*The Hon Roma Mitchell QC,
1962*

First female judge in Australia

*Roma Mitchell QC,
25 September 1965,
Supreme Court of South Australia*

*First female judge of a
Federal Court in Australia*

*Elizabeth Evatt AC,
5 January 1976,
Family Court of Australia
(inaugural judge of this Court)*

*First female Magistrate of
the Northern Territory*

*Sally Thomas,
July 1978*

*First female President of the
Law Society Northern Territory*

*Nerolie Withnall,
October 1978*

*First Aboriginal female
barrister in Australia*

*Pat O'Shane,
1986,
Northern Territory*

*First female Chief Magistrate
of the Northern Territory*

*Sally Thomas,
1986*

*First female Australian
university chancellor*

*The Hon Roma Mitchell QC,
1983–1990,
University of Adelaide*

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First female president of the Law Council of Australia

Mahla L Pearlman AM, 1989, New South Wales

First female judge appointed to the High Court of Australia

Mary Gaudron QC, 6 February 1987

First female Australian State Governor

The Hon Roma Mitchell QC, 1991–1996, Governor of South Australia

First female Judge of the Northern Territory

The Hon Sally Thomas, 30 July 1992

First female Attorney-General to a State or Territory

Jan Wade, 6 October 1992, Victoria

First female Chief Federal Magistrate

Diana Bryant AO QC, May 2000

First female Governor-General of Australia

Her Excellency, Quentin Bryce, AC, CVO 5 September 2008

First female QC in the Northern Territory

Suzan Cox QC, 17 September 2004

First female Attorney-General of the Northern Territory

The Hon Delia Lawrie MLA, 9 February 2009

First female President of the Northern Territory Bar Association

Raelene Webb QC, 2009

First female Attorney-General of Australia

Nicola Roxon, 14 December 2011

First female Administrator of the Northern Territory

Her Honour, The Honourable Sally Thomas AM, 31 October 2011