

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE5311

## Smith, Fiona

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**Occupation** Barrister, Disability rights activist, Lawyer

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### Summary

Born with a disability, Fiona Smith has tried throughout her life to use her 'personal experiences to build bridges with other people whilst guarding against being typecast' (Our Community Leaders website). A qualified barrister and mediator she has played a leading role in many community and government organisations including as Chair, Equal Opportunity Commission (Victoria) (2004 to 2008) and Executive Chair, Business Licensing Authority (Victoria). She is a patron of the Victorian Immigrant & Refugee Women's Coalition, a Non-Executive Director of Yooralla and Policy and Research Advisor with Trust for Nature.

### Events

#### 2003 - 2008

Victorian Equal Opportunity Commission of Victoria

#### 2012 - 2012

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

#### 1998 - 2009

Business Licensing Authority (Victoria)

#### 1985 - 1988

Resources Building for Small Organisations Project

#### 2003 - 2003

Received for her contribution to the Victorian justice system

#### 2017 - 2017

Received for significant service to the community as an advocate for human rights and social justice issues.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Site Exhibition

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

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