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Smith, Fiona

Occupation Barrister, Disability rights activist, Lawyer

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

1998 - 2009
Business Licensing Authority (Victoria)

2012 - 2012
Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

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.

1985 - 1988
Resources Building for Small Organisations Project

2003 - 2008
Victorian Equal Opportunity Commission of Victoria

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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