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Upton, Gabrielle

(1964 -)

Born	19640101, Sydney New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Attorney General, Banker, Lawyer, Parliamentarian, Politician, Solicitor

Summary

Born and raised in the eastern suburbs of Sydney, Gabrielle Upton is a Liberal party Member of the House of Assembly, for the seat of Vaucluse, in the Parliament of New South Wales. On 2 April 2015, she was appointed as Attorney General for New South Wales, having previously held the position of Minister for Family and Community Services between 23 April 2014 until 2 April 2015. Prior to that she served as Minister for Sport and Recreation from August 2013 until April 2014 and Parliamentary Secretary for Tertiary Education and Skills, from May 2011 until August 2013. She was first elected to parliament in 2011.

Details

Gabrielle Upton was born and raised in the eastern suburbs of Sydney where she attended Brigidine College in Randwick and the University of New South Wales, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. Her legal career began as a banking and finance lawyer with legal firms Freehill, Hollingdale & Page and Phillips Fox, after being admitted as a Solicitor to the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia in 1988.

Gabrielle and Alex Sundich married in 1990 and in 1993 they moved to New York where Gabrielle completed a Masters of Business Administration (Finance Management) at New York University’s Leonard Stern School of Business.

Upon completing her MBA, Gabrielle worked as a banker with Deutsche Bank and Toronto Dominion Bank in New York financing the energy sector.

Returning to Sydney in 1999 with her family, Gabrielle began the role of Legal Counsel at the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Gabrielle served as Deputy Chancellor at the University of New South Wales from 2006 until 2009, and on the University’s Council from 2002 to 2010.

From 2005 to 2011 Gabrielle was the Deputy Chair of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Awards in Australia. She was also a board member of Neuroscience Research Australia, one of Australia’s largest research centres on the brain and nervous system, from 2007 to 2011.

Gabrielle gained a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales, and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Gabrielle and Alex live in Darling Point with their two children.

Published resources

Resource
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