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Kennedy, Antoinette

(1945 -)

Born	19450101, Perth Western Australia Australia
Occupation	Barrister, Judge, Lawyer, Solicitor

Summary

Antoinette Kennedy was the first woman judge to be appointed in Western Australia when appointed to the Bench of the District Court in 1985.

Details

Justice Antoinette Kennedy has been a leader and a mentor in the legal profession and has achieved many ‘firsts’ that have allowed others to follow in her footsteps.

These include:

She was the only woman from her year at high school to attend university
She was the only woman from her graduating class at the University of Western Australia to gain articles of clerkship
She was the second woman to join the Independent Bar in Perth to practise as a barrister
She was the first woman judge to be appointed in Western Australia when appointed to the Bench of the District Court in 1985
She was a founding member of Women Lawyers of Western Australia Inc. (she ahs been a Patron of that group since 1999)
She was the first woman to be appointed Chief Judge of the District Court of Western Australia in 2004.

Published resources

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