

The Australian Women's Register

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Cass, Mary Josephine

(1928 - 1992)

Born 5 May, 1928, Frankston Victoria Australia

Died 31 December, 1992

Occupation Barrister, Lawyer, Solicitor

Summary

Mary Cass, who has been described as “a brilliant lawyer” who was “fit for high judicial office” , was admitted to the New South Wales Bar on 18 October 1963. Earlier resident at Sancta Sofia College while studying full-time at the University of Sydney, she had graduated with a Bachelor of Laws in 1954. After serving articles with Beswick Heydon & Lochrin, she was admitted as a solicitor on 29 July 1955. She was in practice until being called to the Bar, where she demonstrated skill in all jurisdictions but came to specialise mainly in equity, as well as landlord and tenant. It has been said that she was nicknamed ‘The Winner’ because of the regular victories she achieved for her clients. Right up until her death in 1992, she had chambers at Wardell.

Published resources

Resource Section

Mary Cass Interview, Brodsky, Juliette, 2011,
http://www.nswbar.asn.au/the-bar-association/pioneering-women/#/11_mary_cass

Mary Cass Memoir, Bannon, Alexander, 2011,
http://archive.nswbar.asn.au/docs/about/history/oral/wbf/content/pdfs/11_mary_cass/Mary%20Cass%20memoir%20by%20Alex%20Bannon.pdf

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Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

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