

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE5697

## Pape, Stephanie Helen

(1924 - 2009)

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<b>Born</b>	19240328, Neutral Bay New South Wales Australia
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<b>Died</b>	20090921, Lindfield New South Wales Australia
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<b>Occupation</b>	Barrister, Lawyer, Public servant
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### Summary

Stephanie Pape (nee Prouting) worked for nearly a decade in the Public Solicitor's Office in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, during which time she rose from the position of legal officer to that of deputy public solicitor. The then Prouting graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1949, followed by a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1963. Despite being admitted to the New South Wales Bar, she did not practise as a barrister, working first at the Commonwealth Crown Solicitor's Office before transferring to Port Moresby in 1964. On 26 June 1966, she married Richard Pape, author of *Boldness Be My Friend* (1953), which was an account of his wartime experiences as a prisoner of war. After returning to Australia, she joined the Attorney-General's Department in Canberra.

### Published resources

#### Thesis

A History of Women in the Legal Profession in New South Wales, O'Brien, Joan M., 1986,  
<https://womenlawyersnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/History-of-Women-in-Legal-Profession.pdf>

#### Site Exhibition

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

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