

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE5833

## Johnston, Elizabeth

(1920 - 2002)

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**Born** 19201001, Adelaide South Australia Australia

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**Died** 20020917, Adelaide South Australia Australia

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**Occupation** Lawyer, Partner

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### Summary

Elizabeth Johnston was born in Adelaide on 1 October 1920. She was educated at Woodlands Church of England Girls' Grammar School at Glenelg. During her student days at Adelaide University she was secretary of the Radical Club and on the editorial staff of On Dit. She was the first female secretary of a trade union in South Australia, the partner in the law firm Johnston & Johnston and the chair of South Australia's first Sex Discrimination Board. She was an activist and member of the Australian Communist Party and was married to Justice Elliott Johnston QC. She died in 2002.

### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

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

### Archival resources

#### State Library of South Australia

[Elizabeth Johnston papers](#)

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