



WLAQ'S

INSPO LIST



2018 List of women who have inspired

get on board and

PRESS FOR PROGRESS

This year WLAQ is celebrating its 40th anniversary, and what better way to kick that off with the Committee providing a list of women that have inspired them over the course of their careers...

At our 2017 Awards Dinner I said that we would be releasing a "Top 25" list of women in Queensland's legal profession in celebration of International Women's Day.

In doing that, I asked the WLAQ Committee to send me through a list of women who had inspired them, particularly over the past year, from the law.

What I received was an amazing list of women, which made it near impossible to reduce to just 25, and there is no way we could have possibly ranked these women! Given this is the first time we have done this, the scope has changed from recognising "top" women, to those who inspire us.

The WLAQ Committee all work very hard behind the scenes, progressing what initiatives we can. This list is a way for them to publicly (and anonymously) thank and congratulate their mentors, work "besties", the women who inspire them from afar and the women who have made a difference in their legal career.

I am so proud of what the WLAQ Committee has achieved during the past 18 months and I am more than confident that this is going to continue into the future.

International Women's Day is about celebrating the success and thanking the women before us for what they have done as we stand on their shoulders and continue to pave the way for an even better profession in Queensland. Thank you to everyone who has continued to #PressForProgress. Let's keep the change going.

Cassandra Heilbronn, President

The comments and the names on the list are supplied by the WLAQ Committee. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy and represents the individual opinions of the Committee.



ACADEMICS

Ann-Maree David
Kate Galloway
Mary Keyes
Rachael Field
Sally Kift
Simone Pearce
Therese Wilson

College of Law Queensland
Bond University
Griffith University
Bond University
James Cook University
Sunshine Coast University
Griffith University

With her effortless grace, she juggles it all. Always willing to help out young women coming through the ranks.

[WLAQ on Ann-Maree David](#)

The most caring and encouraging person I have ever met. The kind of first female Partner every law student should experience.

[WLAQ on Simone Pearce](#)

Very good at cultivating confidence in law students and young lawyers.

[WLAQ on Therese Wilson](#)

BARRISTERS

Amanda Stoker

April Freeman

Borcsa Vass

Cate Heyworth-Smith QC

Dearne Firth

Elizabeth Wilson QC

Florence Chen

Holly Blattman

Kerri Mellifont QC

Madeline Brennan QC

Melanie Hindman QC

Olivia Perkiss

Rebecca Treston QC

Simone Bain

Soroya Ryan QC

Stephanie Williams

Susan Downs

Susan McNeil

Level 27 Chambers

More Chambers

Level 27 Chambers

Chambers 33

Win Paten Chambers

Murray Gleeson Chambers

Level 27 Chambers

Carbolic Chambers

19 Inns Chambers

Roma Mitchell Chambers

Northbank Chambers

Alfred Lutwyche Chambers

Callinan Chambers

Lucas Chambers

8 Petrie Terrace Chambers

Endeavour Chambers

19 Inns Chambers

Alfred Lutwyche Chambers

Never have I met anyone so thoughtful and passionate about her work. A leading junior counsel.

[WLAQ on Susan Downes](#)

Down to earth, diligent and sincere. A wonderful colleague and friend to all women.

[WLAQ on Dearne Firth](#)

BENCH

Ann Lyons
Anthe Philippides
Berna Collier
Catherine Holmes
Debra Mullins
Fluer Kingham
Jacqui Payne
Kay Ryan
Margaret McMurdo AC
Margaret White AO
Michelle May AM
Ros Atkinson AO
Sarah Derrington
Sue Brown
Susan Kiefel AC
Tracy Fantin

Supreme Court of Queensland
Supreme Court of Queensland
Federal Court of Australia
Supreme Court of Queensland
Supreme Court of Queensland
Land Court of Queensland
Magistrates Court of Queensland
Magistrates Court of Queensland
Formerly Court of Appeal Queensland
Formerly Court of Appeal Queensland
Formerly Family Court of Australia
Supreme Court of Queensland
Federal Court of Australia
Supreme Court of Queensland
High Court of Australia
District Court of Queensland

A behind the scenes supporter who offers more than she realises to the WLAQ through her kind spirit and hospitality.

WLAQ on Berna Collier

One of the most elegant women you will ever meet. Has passed on her values to her daughter, who is a fine lawyer.

WLAQ on Michelle May



COMMUNITY

Andrea Perry-Peterson
Angela Lynch
Kate Grant
Linda Ryle
Tanya Diessel



LawRight
Women's Legal Service
ATSILS
Indigenous Lawyers Association Qld
Gold Coast Legal Centre

A leader in access to justice for women.

WLAQ on Angela Lynch

An unstoppable advocate for First Nations Women in Australia and their representation in our profession.

WLAQ on Linda Ryle

The current Emergent Woman Lawyer of the Year for WLAQ. She has achieved so much for such a young age. One to watch.

WLAQ on Tanya Diessel



CORPORATE

Amelia Hodge
Dominique Lamb
Emily Dux
Georgina Dent
Jane Schmitt
Kirstin Ferguson
Laura Chong
Lauren Scott
Nadine Domalewski
Noela L'Estrange
Rebecca Arends
Rebecca Kroon
Sarah Williamson
Susan Forrester
Teresa Handicott

Australian Property Institute
National Retail Association
Olam International Limited
Women's Agenda
AMA Queensland
Orbitas Group
400co
Clayton Utz
Wilmar Sugar Australia
National Seniors Australia
Beau Bebe
Robe
Energy Queensland
G8 Education Ltd
Downer EDI

A passionate advocate for gender equality. Asking the question "Where were all the women? Placing into the public sphere attention on women's advancement in the workplace and gender equality.

[WLAQ on Georgina Dent](#)

Generous, spirited and knows how the business game works.

[WLAQ on Amelia Hodge](#)



GOVERNMENT

Bridget Camilleri
Christine Wilson
Laura-Leigh Manville
Vicky Loury QC



Queensland Treasury Corporation
Commonwealth DPP
Commonwealth DPP
Office of the DPP Queensland

Gets. It. Done. No matter what time of the day or night, her question is "what do you need" and she sticks to it.

[WLAQ on Bridget Camilleri](#)

Diligent and precise, a seriously quiet achiever.

[WLAQ on Laura-Leigh Manville](#)

A beautiful smile and caring nature. Christine is an achiever and gracious in her ways.

[WLAQ on Christine Wilson](#)



LAWYERS

Alicia Hill

Anne-Marie Rice

Annette Bradfield

Belinda Jeffrey

Caroline Snow

Cassandra Heilbronn

Catherine Cheek

Charlotte Campbell

Christine Smyth

Clarissa Rayward

Diane Ruhl

Fiona Caulley

Genevieve Dee

Hannah Syme

Jamie Shine

Jane Bowes

Janelle Kerrisk

Joey McKenzie

MST Lawyers

Rice Mediations

Porter Davies Lawyers

Michael Lynch Family Lawyers

Russells

MinterEllison

Clewett Lawyers

Maurice Blackburn Lawyers

Robbins Watson Solicitors

Brisbane Family Law Centre

Ruhl Family Law

Phillips Family Law

Cooper Grace Ward

PwC Australia

Shine Lawyers

Hall & Wilcox

Helix Legal

Colin Biggers & Paisley

The quiet achiever who is a straight talker. Knows how to get things done.

[WLAQ on Belinda Jeffrey](#)

Brilliant Lawyer, straight talker, kind and inspiring.

[WLAQ on Jane Bowes](#)

LAWYERS

Kathryn Finlayson
Katrina Mawer
Kirstin Pike
Kristan Conlan
Margaret Brain
Margaret McNamara
Naomi Benton
Natalie Orola
Nichola Di Muzio
Nicola Gardner
Nicole Morgan
Prue Poole
Samantha Betzien
Sandra Camilleri
Sarah Atkinson
Sarah Frost

MinterEllison
McInnes Wilson Lawyers
Dibbs Barker
McCullough Robertson
Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
Thynne + Macartney
McCullough Robertson
Avant Mutual Group
Thynne + Macartney
Landers & Rogers
MinterEllison
McInnes Wilson Lawyers
MinterEllison
Thynne + Macartney
Maurice Blackburn
Herbert Smith Freehills

Best. Person. Ever! Very understanding, empathetic, emotionally intelligent, great go-to person and friend.

[WLAQ on Nicole Morgan](#)

She is approachable and welcoming to women of all ages within the legal profession.

[WLAQ on Nicola Gardner](#)

What award-winning Margaret doesn't know about Wills & Estates isn't worth knowing. She is the go to person in this area.

[WLAQ on Margaret McNamara](#)



PUBLIC SERVICE

Deb Frecklington
Kara Cook
Leneen Forde AC
Quentin Bryce AD CVO
Shannon Fentiman
Yvette D'Ath

Leader of the Opposition, Queensland
Councillor for Morningside
Former Governor of Queensland
Former Governor-General
Minister in Queensland
Attorney-General of Queensland

A friend, confidante and a story of success. She is the epitome of resilience and is a great team player.

[WLAQ on Shannon Fentiman](#)

A humorous and generous woman, who will always be the top of my guest list!

[WLAQ on Leneen Forde](#)

Smart, forthright and approachable. A refreshing face for conservative politics and a country solicitor making a big impact.

[WLAQ on Deb Frecklington](#)



STUDENTS

Jess Jonassen
Jessica Popple



Griffith University
University of Sunshine Coast

Law graduate killing it as a cricketer in the Australian Women's Team!

[WLAQ on Jess Jonassen](#)

Already embodies all that is good about our profession.

[WLAQ on Jessica Popple](#)



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

The women in Queensland's legal profession.
Happy International Women's Day 2018