



‘Celebrating Women in the Judiciary’ & Launch of the 2018 WLANSW Program

Guest Speaker: The Honourable Justice Virginia Bell AC, High Court of Australia

6-8pm Thursday 22nd February 2018, Union, University & Schools Club, 25 Bent Street, Sydney

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Justice Bell was appointed to the High Court of Australia on 3 February 2009. She had previously been a judge of the Supreme Court of NSW since March 1999, first in the Common Law Division and then, after early 2008, in the Court of Appeal. She graduated from the University of Sydney as a Bachelor of Laws in 1977. After seven years as a solicitor with the Redfern Legal Centre, she was admitted to the New South Wales Bar in 1984 and was appointed a Senior Counsel in 1997. Justice Bell practised as a public defender between 1986 and 1989 before returning to the private Bar. Between 1994 and 1997 she was a counsel assisting the Royal Commission into the New South Wales Police Service.

She served as president of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration 2006 to 2008 and was Chair of the University of Wollongong Law Faculty Advisory Committee from 2007-2008. From 1998-1999, she served as a part-time Commissioner of the NSW Law Reform Commission. On 26 January 2012, Justice Bell was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia for "eminent service to the judiciary and to the law through leadership in criminal law reform and public policy development, to judicial administration, and as an advocate for the economically and socially disadvantaged".

It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge the achievements of women in law and the following appointments to the bench since our last event in March 2016. Please join us and distinguished guests in celebrating the achievements of these women in the judiciary.

- The Hon Justice Julie Ward, Supreme Court of NSW**
- The Hon Justice Natalie Adams, Supreme Court of NSW**
- The Hon Justice Julia Loneragan, Supreme Court of NSW**
- Judge Brana Obradovic, Federal Circuit Court**
- Judge Jane Costigan, Federal Circuit Court**
- Judge Julia Baird SC, Federal Circuit Court**
- Judge Nicole Noman SC, District Court of NSW**
- Judge Tanya Bright, District Court of NSW**
- Judge Gina O’Rourke SC, District Court of NSW**
- Magistrate Kathy Crittenden**
- Magistrate Cate Follent**
- Magistrate Susan Horan**
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