

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Sally Brown interviewed by Ruth Campbell in the Law in Australian society oral history project [sound recording]

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### Details

2 digital audio tapes (ca. 163 min.)??Hon Justice Sally Brown, Justice of the Family Court of Australia speaks of her family background and childhood, her interest in reading and music, church involvement, choice of career and time at University, part-time jobs, Rob Hamilton, her marriage, early career, Pat Kennedy, the value of knowing the system in which you work, lecturing in law at Footscray Institute of Technology and RMIT, period as a barrister, support (or lack of it) given to women lawyers, Tramways Board, being a criminal lawyer, Magistrates Court 1978-85, appointed as the first female judge at the Victorian Magistrates Court (along with Margaret Rizkalla), the value of women in the magistracy, ethics of maintaining your distance, Chief Magistracy of Victoria, computerisation of the Courts, experiment of the Night Court, important qualities for a magistrate and Chief Magistrate, Chair of the Institute of Criminology, Family Court, issue of gender bias, continuing education of judges (esp. in social issues) workings of the court, areas of relaxation (travel, spending time with her parents, cooking, music, reading).

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