

The Australian Women's Register

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Murray, Kemerer Anne

(1932 - 2013)

Born 28 January, 1932, Adelaide South Australia Australia

Died 31 December, 2013

Occupation Judge, Lawyer

Summary

Kemerer Murray attended Adelaide University, graduating in 1953 in Law and 1954 in Arts. She studied piano under Raymond O'Connell while doing articles at Vaughan, Porter and English, a well known South Australian Law firm. After being admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of South Australia she transferred to Brian Magarey and was offered a partnership, making her the first married woman to be offered a partnership in South Australia. In 1973 she was offered a position on the Bench with the District Court of South Australia, thus becoming the second woman judge in South Australia. A member of the Flinders University Council, in 1978 she was appointed to the Advisory Council for Inter-Government Relations.

Events

1980 - 1984

Member of the Commonwealth Advisory Council of Inter-Government Relations

1980 - 1986

Member of the Board of Management at Flinders Medical Centre

1978 - 1992

Member of the Church of England Commission of Social Responsibilities

1986 - 1992

Chairman of the Church of England Commission of Women's Issues

1975 - 1978

Chairman of the Church of England Commission of Marriage

1975 - 1975

Chairman South Australian Community Welfare Advisory Committee of Non-Accidental Injury to Children

1975 - 1976

Chairman of the Interim Bread Industry Authority

1974 - 1996

Council member of Flinders University, South Australia

1973 - 1976

Judge at the District Court, South Australia

1956 - 1973

Partnership with Giles Magarey & Lloyd, South Australia

1955 - 1955

Admitted Barrister and Solicitor with the South Australian Supreme Court

1998 - 1999

Chairman of the Commonwealth Club

1999 - 1999

Companion of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund

1984 - 1996

Representative Governor of the Flinders Medical Research Foundation

1984 - 1988

Member of the Management committee at the Institute of Study Learning Difficulties

1982 - 1985

Chairman of the Sex Discrimination Board, South Australia

1982 - 1982

Member of the Diocesan Committee of Society Questions

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1997 - 1997

Companion at Flinders University, South Australia

2055 - 2055

Married Eric Murray, they had 2 children

1977 - 1977

Awarded Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal

1995 - 1995

Appointed Dame Commander Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem

1976 - 1976

Judge of the Family Court of Australia, Adelaide Registry

1982 - 1982

Judge Administrator of the Adelaide Registry

1996 - 2000

Alternate Chairman of the Helpmann Academy

1995 - 1996

Alternate Chairman of the Media Council of Australia for the Alcoholic Beverages Advertising Code Council

1994 - 1994

Member of the Multicultural Forum of the South Australian Government

1988 - 1988

Governor of the Medical Foundation at the University of Adelaide

Published resources

Conference Paper

Children and the courts : ideals and reality, Murray, K. A. (Kemerer Ann), 1932-, 1975

Report

Report of the Community Welfare Advisory Committee Enquiry into Non-accidental Physical Injuries to Children in South Australia., South Australia. Community Welfare Advisory Committee

Newspaper Article

I feel fulfilled administering justice, Lloyd, Paul, 2002

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2003, De Micheli, Catherine and Herd, Margaret, 2003

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

Book

Greater than their knowing: a glimpse of South Australian women 1836-1986, National Council of Women of South Australia, 1986

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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

[Interview with Kemerer Murray \[sound recording\] Interviewer: Yvonne Abbott](#)

National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Kemerer Murray, Justice, Judge of the Family Court of Australia, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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