

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Jollie-Smith, Christian Brynhild Ochiltree

(1885 - 1963)

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<b>Born</b>	15 March, 1885, Parkville, Melbourne Victoria Australia
<b>Died</b>	14 January, 1963, North Sydney New South Wales Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Barrister, Communist, Lawyer, social activist, Solicitor

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### Summary

Christian Brynhild Ochiltree Jollie-Smith studied law at the University of Melbourne, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws in 1911. She was admitted as a barrister and solicitor by the Supreme Court of Victoria on 1 October 1912. She practiced as a solicitor in Melbourne from 1914, was appointed professional assistant in the Crown Solicitor's Office, Melbourne.

Jollie-Smith was a foundation committee-member of the Communist Party of Australia. A socialist and member of the Communist Party, Jollie-Smith published the *Australian Communist* journal. Her own work, *The Japanese Labour Movement*, was published in 1919. After moving to Sydney, Jollie-Smith established her own successful legal practice. In 1924 she became the second woman admitted as a solicitor in New South Wales. Jollie-Smith mainly dealt with political and industrial cases, and championed the working class. She was often employed by trade unions, or by those engaged in anti-eviction disputes during the depression years. Jollie-Smith regularly contributed to the Communist publication, *Workers' Weekly*, and to *Tribune*.

### Published resources

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