

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Rosanove, Joan Mavis

(1896 - 1974)

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**Born** 11 May, 1896, Ballarat Victoria Australia

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**Died** 8 April, 1974, Frankston Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Barrister, Lawyer, Queen's Counsel, Solicitor

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### Summary

Joan Rosanove completed her legal studies at the University of Melbourne, and was admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor in June 1919. In 1923 she became the first woman in Victoria to sign the Victorian Bar roll. The bulk of her work was in criminal and matrimonial cases. Rosanove was appointed Q.C. in 1965, and took silk in New South Wales two years later. She made a significant contribution to legal reform, particularly as it concerned the status of women.

### Events

#### 2001 - 2001

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

### Published resources

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<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders/biogs/WLE0624b.htm>

#### Book

The Complete Book of Great Australian Women: Thirty-six women who changed the course of Australia, De Vries, Susanna, 2003

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Women Barristers in Victoria: Then and Now, The Victorian Bar, 2007,  
<https://www.vicbar.com.au/wba/>

#### Site Exhibition

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