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Knox, Helen Mary

(- 1987)

Died 27 July, 1987

Occupation Barrister, Journalist, Lawyer

Summary

Helen Knox (nee Upton) became a barrister after having worked as a journalist for more than two decades. She was educated by the Sisters of Mercy, Boorowa, in south-western New South Wales before winning a bursary to attend Our Lady of Mercy College in Goulburn. In 1927, she was enrolled in the Teachers' College in the grounds of the University of Sydney; by 1931 she had graduated with an Arts degree. In 1937 Knox was appointed to a position on the staff of the 'Sun' newspaper in Sydney; she remained with the paper throughout the Second World War. Returning to the University in 1944, she undertook a Bachelor of Laws degree and graduated in 1950. By now she was writing for Consolidated Press. Knox was admitted to the New South Wales Bar on 12 February 1960 and for a time shared chambers with Cecily Backhouse (later QC and judge of the NSW District Court). Her practice was chiefly in divorce.

Events

1937 - 1960

Published resources

Resource Section

Cecily Backhouse Interview, Cecily Backhouse QC interview with Juliette Brodsky, 4 July 2010, Brodsky, Juliette, 2011, http://www.nswbar.asn.au/the-bar-association/pioneering-women#/12_cecily_backhouse

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