

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## O'Connor, Deirdre

(1941 - 2024)

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**Born** 5 February, 1941, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 28 January, 2024, Kiama New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Judge, Lawyer

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### Summary

In 1990 Justice Deirdre Frances O'Connor became the first woman to be appointed to the Federal Court. She was also the President of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

### Events

#### 2001 - 2001

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

### Archival resources

#### National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection

[Deirdre O'Connor interviewed by Daniel Connell in the Law in Australian society oral history project \[sound recording\]](#)

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