

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE5887

## Pearlman, Mahla

(1937 - 2011)

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**Born** 1 January, 1937

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**Died** 31 December, 2011

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**Occupation** Judge, Lawyer

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### Summary

Mahla Pearlman was the first woman to become chief judge of any jurisdiction within the state of New South Wales. At the time of her appointment to the NSW Land and Environment Court she stated: 'I don't think of myself as a woman lawyer. I think of myself as a lawyer. Then I get on with it! I suppose my appointment is good for me and good for women. I hope it's good for the legal profession and good for solicitors.'

### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

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

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