



# Australian Women Lawyers Patron Cocktail Party



**5.15 for 5.30pm-7.30pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**The Law Society of NSW  
Level 2, 170 Phillip Street, Sydney**

*Australian Women Lawyers and the Women Lawyers' Association of NSW invite you to join us to celebrate the handover of the AWL Patronage from the Honourable Mary Gaudron QC to the Honourable Chief Justice Diana Bryant of the Family Court of Australia. Other honoured guests and speakers for the evening will include WLANSW Patron, the Honourable Justice Jane Mathews AO of the Supreme Court of NSW, and Georgia McMaster, President of Australian Women Lawyers.*



**Mary Gaudron** was the first female judge of the High Court of Australia and served as a Justice from 1987 to 2003 (one of the youngest judges to have been appointed in Australia). A graduate of Sydney University law school, she was the first part-time student to win the University Medal in Law. She was admitted to the New South Wales bar in

1968, and was called to become a Queen's Counsel in 1981 (the first female Queen's Counsel in New South Wales). Mary Gaudron was Deputy President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission from 1974 to 1980, and was Chairman of the NSW Legal Services Commission from 1979 to 1980. She was appointed Solicitor-General of New South Wales in 1981 (the youngest ever appointed, and first female solicitor-general of an Australian jurisdiction) and held this office until appointment to the bench in 1987. Upon her retirement from the bench, she was appointed a member of Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization, and has been Vice President of the Tribunal since 2007.



**Diana Bryant** was appointed Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia in July 2004. Chief Justice Bryant holds both a Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws degree from Monash University. She was admitted as a legal practitioner in Victoria in 1970. From 1977 to 1990, Chief Justice Bryant was a partner with the firm of Phillips Fox in Perth

where she practised as a solicitor and counsel specialising in family law. She was also a Director of Australian Airlines from 1984 to 1989. From May 2000 she was the Chief Federal Magistrate of the Federal Magistrates Court, having been appointed the inaugural Chief Federal Magistrate of Australia.

Prior to her appointment, Chief Justice Bryant had practised at the Victorian Bar from 1990 where she specialised in family law and de facto property disputes, particularly at the appellate level. She was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1997.

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