



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

The Inaugural Sybil Morrison Lecture: From Ada to Sybil: Why every woman counts

Speaker:

**Claire Palmer, Sixth Floor
Selborne Wentworth Chambers.**

Chair:

**The Hon. Justice M Beazley QC
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**NSW Bar Association Common
Room**

**5.15pm, Monday 04 March
2019**

1 HOUR SEMINAR

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SUBSTANTIVE LAW, PRACTICE AND
PROCEDURE, AND EVIDENCE

The inaugural Sybil Morrison lecture will be delivered by Claire Palmer. Claire is the inaugural recipient of the Katrina Dawson Award, which aims to encourage young women to practise at the Bar. Claire was called to the Bar in 2017 and is a barrister on Sixth Floor Selborne Wentworth Chambers.

This seminar will highlight the life and adventures of Sybil Morrison (nee Gibbs), the first woman to practise at the NSW Bar. Morrison was admitted in 1924, six years after the enactment of the *Women's Legal Status Act 1918* (NSW). That Act provided that a person shall not 'by reason of sex' be prevented from being admitted to practice as a barrister or solicitor. The seminar will also situate Morrison's career and the passage of the Women's Legal Status Act against a series of international and national developments that promoted women lawyers at the beginning of the 20th century.

The Sybil Morrison Lecture is an initiative of the New South Wales Bar Association's Diversity & Equality Committee.

**THIS SEMINAR IS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE NSW
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REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED

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