WLAQ'S

INSPON

LIST

2018 List of women who have inspired
get on board and
PRESS FOR PROGRESS

This year WLAQ is celebrating its 40th anniversary, and what better way to kick that off with the Committee providing a list of women that have inspired them over the course of their careers...

At our 2017 Awards Dinner I said that we would be releasing a "Top 25" list of women in Queensland’s legal profession in celebration of International Women’s Day. In doing that, I asked the WLAQ Committee to send me through a list of women who had inspired them, particularly over the past year, from the law.

What I received was an amazing list of women, which made it near impossible to reduce to just 25, and there is no way we could have possibly ranked these women! Given this is the first time we have done this, the scope has changed from recognising “top” women, to those who inspire us.

The WLAQ Committee all work very hard behind the scenes, progressing what initiatives we can. This list is a way for them to publicly (and anonymously) thank and congratulate their mentors, work "besties", the women who inspire them from afar and the women who have made a difference in their legal career.

I am so proud of what the WLAQ Committee has achieved during the past 18 months and I am more than confident that this is going to continue into the future.

International Women’s Day is about celebrating the success and thanking the women before us for what they have done as we stand on their shoulders and continue to pave the way for an even better profession in Queensland. Thank you to everyone who has continued to #PressForProgress. Let’s keep the change going.

Cassandra Heilbronn, President

The comments and the names on the list are supplied by the WLAQ Committee. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy and represents the individual opinions of the Committee.
With her effortless grace, she juggles it all. Always willing to help out young women coming through the ranks.

WLAQ on Ann-Maree David

The most caring and encouraging person I have ever met. The kind of first female Partner every law student should experience.

WLAQ on Simone Pearce

Very good at cultivating confidence in law students and young lawyers.

WLAQ on Therese Wilson
Amanda Stoker
April Freeman
Borcsa Vass
Cate Heyworth-Smith QC
Dearne Firth
Elizabeth Wilson QC
Florence Chen
Holly Blattman
Kerri Mellifont QC
Madeline Brennan QC
Melanie Hindman QC
Olivia Perkiss
Rebecca Treston QC
Simone Bain
Soroya Ryan QC
Stephanie Williams
Susan Downs
Susan McNeil

Level 27 Chambers
More Chambers
Level 27 Chambers
Chambers 33
Win Paten Chambers
Murray Gleeson Chambers
Level 27 Chambers
Carbolic Chambers
19 Inns Chambers
Roma Mitchell Chambers
Northbank Chambers
Alfred Lutwyche Chambers
Callinan Chambers
Lucas Chambers
8 Petrie Terrace Chambers
Endeavour Chambers
19 Inns Chambers
Alfred Lutwyche Chambers

Never have I met anyone so thoughtful and passionate about her work. A leading junior counsel.
WLAQ on Susan Downes

Down to earth, diligent and sincere. A wonderful colleague and friend to all women.
WLAQ on Dearne Firth
A behind the scenes supporter who offers more than she realises to the WLAQ through her kind spirit and hospitality.

WLAQ on Berna Collier

One of the most elegant women you will ever meet. Has passed on her values to her daughter, who is a fine lawyer.

WLAQ on Michelle May
Andrea Perry-Peterson
Angela Lynch
Kate Grant
Linda Ryle
Tanya Diessel

LawRight
Women’s Legal Service
ATSILS
Indigenous Lawyers Association Qld
Gold Coast Legal Centre

A leader in access to justice for women.
WLAQ on Angela Lynch

An unstoppable advocate for First Nations Women in Australia and their representation in our profession.
WLAQ on Linda Ryle

The current Emergent Woman Lawyer of the Year for WLAQ. She has achieved so much for such a young age. One to watch.
WLAQ on Tanya Diessel
A passionate advocate for gender equality. Asking the question "Where were all the women? Placing into the public sphere attention on women's advancement in the workplace and gender equality.

Generous, spirited and knows how the business game works.

WLAQ on Amelia Hodge

WLAQ on Georgina Dent
Bridget Camilleri
Christine Wilson
Laura-Leigh Manville
Vicky Loury QC

Queensland Treasury Corporation
Commonwealth DPP
Commonwealth DPP
Office of the DPP Queensland

A beautiful smile and caring nature. Christine is an achiever and gracious in her ways.
WLAQ on Christine Wilson

Diligent and precise, a seriously quiet achiever.
WLAQ on Laura-Leigh Manville

Gets. It. Done. No matter what time of the day or night, her question is "what do you need" and she sticks to it.
WLAQ on Bridget Camilleri
The quiet achiever who is a straight talker. Knows how to get things done.  
WLAQ on Belinda Jeffrey

Brilliant Lawyer, straight talker, kind and inspiring.  
WLAQ on Jane Bowes
What award-winning Margaret doesn’t know about Wills & Estates isn’t worth knowing. She is the go to person in this area.

WLAQ on Margaret McNamara
A friend, confidante and a story of success. She is the epitome of resilience and is a great team player.

WLAQ on Shannon Fentiman

A humorous and generous woman, who will always be the top of my guest list!

WLAQ on Leneen Forde

Smart, forthright and approachable. A refreshing face for conservative politics and a country solicitor making a big impact.

WLAQ on Deb Frecklington
STUDENTS

Jess Jonassen
Jessica Popple

Griffith University
University of Sunshine Coast

Law graduate killing it as a cricketer in the Australian Women's Team!

WLAQ on Jess Jonassen

Already embodies all that is good about our profession.

WLAQ on Jessica Popple
SPECIAL THANKS TO:
The women in Queensland’s legal profession.
Happy International Women’s Day 2018