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2021 WLAQ INSPO LIST

2021 LIST OF WOMEN
WHO HAVE INSPIRED

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The comments and the names on the list are supplied by members of the WLAQ Committee and represent their individual views on who has inspired them. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of names, titles, and organisations.

CHOOSE TO CHALLENGE

There has never been 12 months like the last 12 months. The most life changing challenges to which women and men have risen since early 2020 have been thrust upon them and their community. Societally, we are at a liminal stage, where continuity with the past may be broken and outcomes for the future challenged. In this context, #ChooseToChallenge, the theme for International Women's Day 2021, is very appropriate. We may not have had a choice in participating in the significant changes brought to our work and home environments by COVID-19, but we can decide to influence the future changes which result from the experience.

WLAQ is proud of the community who work with us to bring positive change in the endeavours of women in the legal profession. We look to those who have inspired us in our careers as thought leaders. WLAQ acknowledges all firms, chamber groups, businesses and organisations for the effort that has gone into adapting to rapidly changing working conditions.

This is the 4th year that WLAQ has published its Inspo List. This is a list of women who hold a law degree, either in or from Queensland, and who have inspired a committee member over the past year. It is an opportunity for the committee to acknowledge them and thank them.

We are proud that our lives have been touched by the women on this 2021 list of inspirational women.

It is up to us all to choose to challenge situations which, in the past have not been equitable.

Catherine Cheek, WLAQ President



Academics

Ann-Maree David

College of Law, Queensland

Michele Davis

College of Law, Queensland

Caroline Hart

University of Southern Queensland

Jo Hintz

Bond University

Dr Victoria Lambropoulos

Central Queensland University

Kirsty Mackie

University of the Sunshine Coast

Judith McNamara

Queensland University of Technology

Mandy Shircore

University of Queensland

Elizabeth Spencer

James Cook University

Tamara Walsh

University of Queensland

Rosalind Williams OAM

Griffith University

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Griffith University

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Dr Jacoba Brasch QC

Law Council of Australia; Inns of Court, Brisbane

Katherine Buckley

Byth Chambers

Anna Cappellano

Higgins Chambers

Florence Chen

Level 27 Chambers

Melissa Cullen

Sunshine Coast Barristers Chambers

Clare Dart

Inns of Court, Brisbane

Jane Fitzgerald

Alfred Lutwyche Chambers

Jessica Goldie

WLAQ Southern Regional Representative; Queens Arms Chambers

Claire Grant

WLAQ Barrister Advisor (Regional); 31 Sturt Chambers

A fierce and committed advocate who always supports women in law | WLAQ on Claire Grant

Barristers

Sophie Harburg

John Jerrard Chambers

Madonna Hayes

Sir George Kneipp Chambers

Cate Heyworth-Smith QC

Level 33 Chambers

Kate Juhasz

Lucas Chambers

Nitra Kidson QC

Higgins Chambers

Katrina Kluss

More Chambers

Erin Longbottom QC

Murray Gleeson Chambers

Jessica McClymont

WLAQ Vice President & Advocacy Chair; 18 Inns Barrister's Chambers

Kathryn McMillan QC

Quay 11

Susie McNeil

WLAQ Barrister Advisor (Metro); Alfred Lutwyche Chambers;

Kerri Mellifont QC

Inns Chambers

Barristers

Laura Neil

WLAQ Cairns Ambassador; Endeavour Chambers

Ruth O'Gorman

Higgins Chambers

Laura Reece

Halsbury Chambers

Holly Stephanos

Byth Chambers

Avelina Tarrago

WLAQ First Nations Advisor; North Quarter Lane Chambers

Rebecca Treston QC

Callinan Chambers

Borsca Vass

Alfred Lutwyche Chambers

Amelia Wheatley QC

Deane Chambers

Stephanie Williams

WLAQ Vice President & Northern Queensland Representative;
Endeavour Chambers

Jodie Wooldridge QC

Given Chambers; Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Melinda Zerner

Jeddart Chambers

Bench

Roslyn Atkinson AO

Formerly Supreme Court of Queensland

Maxine Baldwin

Queensland Magistrates Court

Jane Bentley

Deputy State Coroner

Helen Bowskill QC

Supreme Court of Queensland

Susan Brown QC

Supreme Court of Queensland

Catherine Carew

Family Court of Australia

Margaret Cassidy

Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Berna Collier

Federal Court of Australia; AAT; Griffith University; and Supreme and National Courts of Papua New Guinea

Jean Dalton QC

Supreme Court of Queensland

Anne Demack

Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Bench

Sarah Derrington

Federal Court of Australia; Australian Law Reform Commission

Bronwyn Hartigan

Magistrates Court of Queensland

Jenny Hogan

Family Court of Australia

Catherine Holmes AC

Supreme Court of Queensland

Viviana Keegan

Magistrates Court of Queensland

Susan Kiefel AC

High Court of Australia

Fleur Kingham

President of the Land Court of Queensland

Ann Lyons

Supreme Court of Queensland

Michelle May AM QC

Formerly Family Court of Australia

Margaret McMurdo AC

Formerly Court of Appeal Queensland



Bench

Belinda Merrin

Magistrates Court of Queensland

Debra Mullins AO

Court of Appeal of Queensland

Sandra Pearson

Magistrates Court of Queensland

Kay Philipson

Magistrates Court of Queensland

Anthe Phillippides QC

Supreme Court of Queensland

Susan Purdon-Sully

Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Deborah Richards

District Court of Queensland

Kay Ryan

Magistrates Court of Queensland

Soraya Ryan QC

Supreme Court of Queensland

Leanne Spelleken

Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Bench

Amanda Tonkin

Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Stephanie Tonkin

Magistrates Court of Queensland

Leanne Turner

Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Frances Williams

Supreme Court of Queensland

Elizabeth Wilson QC

Supreme Court of Queensland

Margaret Wilson QC

Formerly Supreme Court of Queensland

*A member of the judiciary whose caring approach in
Children's Court matters is both sensitive and
appropriate | WLAQ on Magistrate Tonkin*



Community

Sandra Creamer

CEO, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance

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CEO, Legal Aid Queensland

Arlene Gomes

Family Lawyer, Legal Aid Queensland

Leah King

Solicitor, Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service

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Solicitor, Suncoast Community Legal Service Inc.

Angela Lynch AM

President & CEO, Women's Legal Service Queensland

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WLAQ Rockhampton Ambassador; Lawyer, Legal Aid Queensland

Kellie Walker

Lawyer, Legal Aid Queensland

Miranda Woodland

Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner, Catholic Care Services

A practitioner who lights up the room as soon as she walks in with the most infectious sense of humour | WLAQ on Arlene Gomes

Kellie is an exceptional criminal lawyer who embodies all that is good about the legal profession | WLAQ on Kellie Walker

Corporate

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Legal Counsel, Aveo Group

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CEO, National Retail Association

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*An extraordinary lawyer who is committed to ensuring that regional
Early Career Lawyers feel supported in the profession |
WLAQ on Pippa Colman*

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Clare is a dedicated and hardworking advocate. She is the epitome of high quality legal service from a regional sole practitioner law firm | WLAQ on Clare Hine

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*Extraordinary leader and participant
in the community | WLAQ on Michelle James*

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Associate, Shand Taylor Lawyers

A hardworking, effervescent lawyer who always finds time to support the people around her | WLAQ on Ruby Nielsen

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*Clarissa is truly the happiest family lawyer -
and so happy to help others! |
WLAQ on Clarissa Rayward*

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In a year full of challenges, Sarah has demonstrated impressive leadership skills and mentored and empowered her team of female lawyers | WLAQ on Sarah Vallance

Politics

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Counsellor, Brisbane City Council

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Minister for Health, Queensland State Government

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Annastacia Palaszczuk

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Meaghan Scanlon MP

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Senator for Queensland;
Assistant Minister to the Commonwealth Attorney-General

Anika Wells MP

Member for Lilley; Commonwealth Government

*A powerhouse that will always stand up for what she believes in
and create pathways for those following in her footsteps |*

WLAQ on Kara Cook

Students

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Anais Loubet

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Queensland University of Technology

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Jasmine Stewart

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Queensland University of Technology

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Griffith University

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University of the Sunshine Coast

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Mental Health Review Tribunal

Virginia Ryn

Mental Health Review Tribunal

Megan's experience, in private and organisational roles, has given her a unique insight into the profession which she draws on in her trailblazing work in the Legal Services Commission, and to which she brings strength and authenticity | WLAQ on Megan Mahon



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