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PRESS RELEASE

Networking for Women Lawyers Embraces New Technology

The Women Lawyers' Association of New South Wales (WLA NSW) has put its policy work into practice through the development of its new Find A Woman Lawyer database.

The database is accessible via the WLA NSW website and aims to place lawyers, non-lawyers and members of the public in touch with women solicitors and barristers who are experts in their field of practice.

Find a Woman Lawyer has the capacity to network women lawyers with one another; the database was under construction throughout year, even as WLA NSW advocated for the rights of women lawyers through its submissions to the Inquiry into Balancing Work and Family conducted by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Human Services, and to Striking the Balance With Work and Family, a project of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

In its submission to the Standing Committee on Family and Human Services, WLA NSW has called on the federal government to provide funding for networking and mentoring programs for women in the legal profession.

"The recent appointment of Justice Susan Crennan to the High Court has been an inspiring event for women lawyers. But the continued struggle by women to reach senior positions within the profession cannot be ignored," says Lee-May Saw, Media Officer, WLA NSW.

"We've put our money where our mouth is in developing a networking platform for solicitors and barristers who are women, which is in step with the current IT climate. We would welcome any attempt by federal and state government agencies concerned with the provision of legal services to follow suit."

Find A Woman Lawyer will be officially launched this week with members of WLA NSW being invited to list themselves on the new online resource.

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