

**Press Release**

**APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICE SUSAN CRENNAN  
BY AUSTRALIAN WOMEN LAWYERS**

Federal Court Judge, Queens Counsel, past Chairman of the Victorian Bar Council, Justice Susan Crennan is an outstanding appointment to the High Court.

Described as 'intensely competent', she brings a wealth of experience and diversity to the High Court bench.

Justice Crennan has long been mentioned as a suitable appointment to the High Court.

Australian Women Lawyers have strongly advocated that the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice McHugh should be filled by a woman.

The High Court requires Justices of outstanding intellectual ability. There are currently about 33 female judges of superior courts in Australia. Justice Crennan was one of them.

Australia can only be richer by having at least one, and hopefully more women on the bench of the High Court.

Appointment to the High Court means hard work, the application of stringent legal principles and the responsibility for shaping how we live as Australians.

On behalf of Australian Women Lawyers, I congratulate Justice Crennan and thank her for taking on this enormous task.

As a female lawyer, I am personally delighted at her appointment.

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