

Future expansion in 2001 is planned for the Children's Court and Parramatta Local Court and Drug Court.

To assist the duty barristers, there are annual advocacy workshops on apprehended violence orders, bail and plea problems. To date, we have had teachers with enormous experience and wisdom who have tutored and judged the participants. All have been extremely informative and helpful.

The scheme continues to be a valuable community service and we appreciate those who act either on a reduced fee or pro bono and give up their time to participate in the Duty Barristers Scheme.

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- 1 In 1996, when the scheme was expanded to cover the criminal jurisdiction in the District Court, it covered the Appeal Court and the Short Matters Court. Due to a change in the listing procedures in the District Court, it now covers only the Short Matters Court (LG2).

TRIBUTE

Jennifer Blackman

By Andrew Bell

Jennifer Blackman retired from full time practice at the New South Wales Bar at the end of last year, having been admitted in 1968. Her association with the Bar and 11 Wentworth/Selborne, in particular, goes back however to 1958 when she was engaged as a 'stenographer to the Society' at a meeting attended by David Hicks, Doug Staff, Preston Saywell and Barry McKenna. The only member of the 11th Floor who remains from the time of her appointment is the evergreen Frank McAlary QC.

In 1965, Jenny Blackman left the 11th Floor to become Associate to Mr Justice Else-Mitchell who had been a member of the floor. It was during that time that Jenny completed the Barrister's Admission Board course, upon completion of which she returned to the 11th Floor and forged, over many years, a successful practice specialising, in particular, in land and environment work.

She also served terms as an Acting Judge of the District Court and as a judicial member of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal of New South Wales. Extra curricula involvements include her position as Chairman of Meridan School and Vice Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst.



Judge Herron QC; The Hon. Ray Loveday QC; Jennifer Blackman;
Mr Justice Dunford; The Hon. Rae Else-Mitchell QC.

A dinner in her honour was recently held by the 11th Floor with speeches from The Hon. Justice Giles and The Hon. Rae Else-Mitchell QC, who had travelled from Canberra for the occasion. The Bar wishes Jenny all the best for her retirement.