



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Rosemary Anne BALMFORD
ACCESSION NO	2004.0022
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Lawyers, Judges
DATE RANGE	1970-2003
SIZE OF COLLECTION	2.04m (12 boxes)
HISTORICAL NOTE	Barrister, solicitor and judge, Rosemary Anne Balmford is the daughter of Sir John and Dame Ada Norris. She was born in Melbourne in 1933 and educated at the University of Melbourne. Her career has included foundation Executive Director of the Leo Cussen Institute (1971-1977); Assistant-Solicitor at the University of Melbourne (1977-1983); Senior Member of the Commonwealth Administrative Appeals Tribunal (1983-1993); Judge of the County Court of Victoria (1993-1996) and Judge of the Victorian Supreme Court (1996-2003). She has also sat on the boards and committees of many community and government organizations.
DATE OF TRANSFER	1 July 2004
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Subject and transactional files documenting the legal interests and involvements of Rosemary Balmford. The key themes are women and the law including gender awareness, women judges and gender equality; legal education; administrative law; and judicial issues, administration and cultural awareness
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	
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DATE	April 2006

Judge Rosemary Balmford papers

BOX 1&2 Women and the law, 1980s - 2003

Subject and a few transactional files of articles, conference tapes, clippings, letters, essays/ theses sent for information or comment, publications, newsletters and papers relating to conferences of women lawyers, and covering the following organisations:

- Victorian Women Lawyers Association
- Feminist Lawyers
- Women Barristers' Association
- Australian Women Lawyers Forum
- International Federation of Women Lawyers
- Australian Association of Women Judges
- International Association of Women Judges
- Australian Women Lawyers

BOX 3 Legal Education, 1980s – 2001

Subject files on judicial education, including material on

- the Council of Legal Education, and
- Australasian Professional Legal Education Council.

BOX 4 Administrative law, 1980s – 2001

Subject and a few transactional files documenting involvement with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, training/presentations and interest in administrative law issues, and comprising speeches, articles, submissions, FOI, legal aid, etc and covering the following organisations:

- Administrative Appeals Tribunals
- Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- Monash University Law Faculty
- Leo Cussen Institute, and the

- Administrative Review Council

BOX 5 Judges and judicial issues, 1980-2003

Subject files of notes, letters, articles and conference papers covering matters such as style of judicial titles, codes of judicial conduct, the Council of Chief Justices project, judicial method, and covering the following organisations:

- Council of Chief Justices, and
- Judicial Conference of Australia

BOX 6 Gender equality, 1980s-2001

Primarily research material, notes, clippings on women and the law, and in particular material gathered while preparing a conference paper on 'gender equality in courts and tribunals' presented to the 13th biennial conference of the district and county court judges of Australia, Melbourne June/July 1995.

BOX 7, 8&9 Articles, 1970s -1998

Files arranged and labelled chronologically of articles from journals, clippings, speeches on general legal topics; contents date from the 1950s, but compiled from the late 1970s onwards.

BOX 10 Speeches, 1990s-2003

Copies of Judge Balmford's speeches, memorial lectures, occasional addresses, conference presentations, etc including one on Grata Flos Greig, one of Australia's earliest female lawyers.

BOX 11&12 Miscellaneous, 1980s- 2000

Subject files of papers on subjects including:

- case flow management, 1980s;
- Australian Institute of Judicial Administration conference 'Equality and Justice' October 1995;

- the Judicial Cultural Awareness Conference on indigenous issues, Marysville April 2000; and
- 'The Visitor' i.e. the role university visitors.

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