

# CURRICULUM VITAE

Hon. Cheryl Edwardes B.Juris., LL.M., B.A.

## EXPERIENCE

- Sixteen years service (four terms) as a member of Legislative Assembly for the Parliament of Western Australia (1989-2005), including eight years as a Cabinet Minister variously responsible for some 12 portfolio areas.
- Service as a Shadow Minister (1989-1993; 2001-2005).
- Cabinet and Parliamentary Committee appointments in a broad range of areas ranging from public sector management, justice, native title, budgetary matters, environment and heritage, anticorruption, youth affairs, electoral reform and parliamentary procedure.
- Management of own legal practice with a particular focus on small business.
- Solicitor with Freehill, Hollingdale and Page in the area of general corporate work along with industrial relations and personal injury claims.
- Lecturer/tutor in business and criminal law.
- Exceptional knowledge of public sector and parliamentary protocols and processes, having represented the state and federal governments in a variety of forums including international.
- Membership, including office bearer roles, in numerous professional and community organisations at state, national and international level.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Master of Laws, University of Western Australia.
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Western Australia.
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Western Australia.
- Bachelor of Jurisprudence, University of Western Australia.
- Accredited Mediator (IAMA)
- Accredited ADR Workplace Relations (IAMA)

## PERSONAL PROFILE

- Articulate, ethical and committed individual with a strong work ethic and an outstanding record of ground breaking achievements in public life.
- Community minded with a passionate belief in the value of the family.
- High personal integrity with an ability to listen, relate to and create trust in people from all walks of life.
- Qualified Barrister and Solicitor holding the distinction of being Western Australia's first female Attorney General.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Admitted to the Supreme Court of Western Australia in 1984 and the High Court of Australia in 1986.
- First female solicitor appointed to the Western Australian Parliament in 1989.

- Appointed in 1992 as chair of the Select Committee on Parliamentary Procedures for Uniform Legislation Agreements - acknowledged as a significant achievement for an opposition member.
- Sole female appointed to the Court Liberal Government's first Cabinet in 1993, with the distinction of being Western Australia's first (and to date the only) female Attorney General.
- Created the State's first Ministry of Justice to provide a more co-ordinated system of justice administration and implemented a range of legislative reform in the areas of penalties, sentencing, juvenile justice, family and domestic violence, coronial counselling, court services, recognition for victims of crime and fines management.
- As a Minister of the Crown, took responsibility for significant reforms in the environment and labour relations portfolios.
- Successfully combined role of mother to two sons, part time Master's level student, elected representative for the Legislative Assembly constituency of Kingsley with responsibilities as a Minister of the State.

## CAREER HISTORY

### 2005+

- Barrister and Solicitor in Civil and Commercial Law (Consulting).
- Superannuation Complaints Tribunal (part-time Member).
- Accredited Mediator (Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators).
- Accredited ADR Provider Workplaces Relations (IAMA)
- Adjunct Associate Professor at the John Curtin Institute of Public Policy and Sessional Lecturer.
- Participated, with Professor Jim Raymond, in the Judicial Decision Making Writing Course conducted by the Council of Australasian Tribunals.
- President of Joondalup Rotary, where the major joint project will be the establishment of a house for young head-injured people who are currently living in nursing homes.
- Leadership and networking consultant providing professional and personal development for businesses and individuals.

### 2001 - 2005

Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia for the constituency of Kingsley. Shadow Ministerial responsibilities included:

- Planning;
- Labour Relations and Employment;
- Public Sector Management; and
- Spokesperson on Censorship.

### 1993 - 2001

Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia for the constituency of Kingsley and senior Cabinet Minister. Ministerial responsibilities included:

- Attorney General and Justice;
- Women's Interests;
- Parliamentary and Electoral Affairs;
- Minister assisting the Minister for Community Development with special responsibility for the Youth Justice Bureau;
- Environment ;
- Labour Relations;
- Employment and Training;

- Family and Children's Services;
- Seniors;
- Fair Trading; and
- Youth.

Cabinet Committee appointments included:

- Public Sector Management Committee;
- Cabinet Standing Committee on Native Title;
- Cabinet Standing Committee on Litigation;
- Cabinet Budget Standing Committee;
- Cabinet Government Management Standing Committee;
- Cabinet Standing Committee for Strategic Planning;
- Cabinet Standing Committee on Labour Relations;
- Cabinet Standing Committee on Waste Management;
- Cabinet Standing Committee on Salinity Management;
- Ministerial Council for the Shark Bay World Heritage Property;
- Justice Co-ordinating Ministerial Council;
- Cabinet Standing Committee for Information and Communications Issues;
- Cabinet Standing Committee on Science and Technology;
- Cabinet Sub-Committee on Passive Smoking; and
- Cabinet Sub-Committee on One Vote One Value.

### **1989 - 1993**

Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia for the constituency of Kingsley. Shadow ministerial responsibilities included:

- Education and Training;
- Small Business;
- Consumer Affairs; and
- Women's Interests.

### **1986 - 1989**

Sole Practitioner, Legal Practice. Practiced in all areas of law, with a focus on small business.

### **1984 - 1986**

Articled Clerk and Solicitor, Freehill, Hollingdale and Page. Perth, Western Australia  
Legal

work in areas of industrial relations and general corporate work.

### **1966 - 1984**

Various roles including bookkeeper, accounts clerk, records manager, paymaster, audit clerk and cashier.

## **AWARDS/CITATIONS**

- 1980 Butterworths Criminal Law Prize
- 1993 Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship for work in the area of Juvenile Justice
- 1993 Woman Achiever, Jewish Council of Jewish Women Australia

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY**

- Law Society of Western Australia Member
- Joondalup Rotary President 2006 - 2007
- Wanneroo Tee-Ball Patron

- Kingsway Little Athletics Patron
- Wanneroo Districts Netball Patron
- Kingsley Amateur Football Club No. 1 Ticket Holder
- CATA Disabled Group Inc. Patron and Honorary Solicitor
- Woodvale SHS Emergency Service Cadets Patron
- Woodvale Senior High School Provider/ Presenter of the Year 12 Law Prize
- Kira Incorporated Honorary Solicitor