

# **AUSTRALIAN WOMEN LAWYERS GENDER APPEARANCE SURVEY INFORMATION**

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## **I. OVERVIEW OF SURVEY RESULTS- COURT APPEARANCES BY BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS**

### **Overview of survey results:**

Results were collected for District Courts in:

**South Australia**, 158 complete surveys collected between March and May 2005.

**Western Australia**, 100 complete surveys collected between August and November 2004.

**Queensland**, 367 complete surveys collected between August and November 2004.

Results were collected for Supreme Courts in:

**Tasmania**, 147 complete surveys collected between February and May 2005.

**Western Australia**, 104 complete surveys collected between August and November 2004.

**South Australia**, 110 complete surveys collected between April and May 2005.

**Northern Territory**, 53 complete surveys collected between August and November 2004.

**Australian Capitol Territory**, 110 complete surveys were collected between July and September 2004.

**Queensland** 322 completed surveys collected between September and November 2004.

**New South Wales**, 193 surveys collected between January and April 2005.

**Federal Court of Australia**, 150 completed surveys collected between July and September 2005.

**Supreme Court of Queensland – Court of Appeal**, 142 completed surveys collected between July and September 2004.

## TOTAL NUMBER OF APPEARANCES IN COMBINED SURVEYS

	<b>NSW</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>FEDERAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Court of Appeal	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court		
<b>FEMALES</b>	103	30	17	27	47	184	63	109	45	41	118	73	<b>857</b>
<b>MALES</b>	558	210	90	261	602	564	203	256	231	153	171	316	<b>3,615</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	661	240	107	288	649	748	266	365	276	194	289	389	<b>4,472</b>
<b>% FEMALE</b>	15.6	12.5	15.9	9.4	7.2	24.6	23.7	29.9	16.3	21.1	40.8	18.8	<b>19.2%</b>
<b>% MALE</b>	84.4	87.5	84.1	90.6	92.8	75.4	76.3	70.1	83.7	78.9	59.2	81.2	<b>80.8%</b>

**PERCENTAGE OF APPEARANCES BY FEMALES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMPOSITION OF THE BENCH**

	NSW	ACT	NT	QLD	QLD	QLD	SA	SA	WA	WA	TAS	FEDERAL
<i>%</i>	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Court of Appeal	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	
<b>Master/Registrar</b>	27.8	5.4	0	-	No Data	No Data	0	5.5	90.0	0	44.4	-
<b>Single Judge</b>	19.8	14.8	16.3	22.2	No Data	No Data	21.3	35.9	16.4	22.7	41.4	18.4
<b>Full Bench</b>	9.9	0	16.7	0	No Data	-	29.4	40.0	9.3	-	31.6	25.0

**PERCENTAGE OF CIVIL OR CRIMINAL MATTERS IN WHICH FEMALES APPEARED**

	NSW	ACT	NT	QLD	QLD	QLD	SA	SA	WA	WA	TAS	FEDERAL
<b>%</b>	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Court of Appeal	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	
<b>Civil</b>	14.2	5.3	7.9	5.5	6.8	16.7	12.4	11.2	15.4	4.0	14.5	18.8
<b>Criminal</b>	27.1	21.5	27.3	11.7	7.7	24.8	35.7	43.2	17.8	23.7	50.2	-

## STATUS OF FEMALE COUNSEL APPEARING BY PERCENTAGE

	NSW	ACT	NT	QLD	QLD	QLD	SA	SA	WA	WA	TAS	FEDERAL
%	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Court of Appeal	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	
<b>Civil</b>												
SC/QC	11.7	0	0	0	0	0	6.1	6.3	5.9	16.6	15.0	5.8
JC on own	16.2	8	12.2	12.2	9.1	18.8	14.5	16.1	17.1	0	11.5	22.6
JC to a SC/QC	No Data	0	0	4.0	0	0	19.2	11.1	29.7	0	50.0	25.3
<b>Criminal</b>												
SC/QC	28.1	27.2	28.6	0.0	0	0	40.0	35.7	13.7	15.4	11.5	-
JC on own	26.3	15.5	30.3	14.6	7.7	25.6	33.7	47.1	25.7	24.8	56.7	-
JC to a SC/QC	No Data	62.5	0	0	50.0	50.0	41.7	42.9	13.3	33.3	43.8	-

## AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS) FEMALE

	NSW	ACT	NT	QLD	QLD	QLD	SA	SA	WA	WA	TAS	FEDERAL
Hours	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Court of Appeal	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	
<b>Civil</b>												
SC/QC	(No Data)	0	0	0	0	0	2.8	6.2	1.9	25.0	3.3	2.7
JC on own	(No Data)	2.2	2.0	1.0	1.8	1.2	0.8	9.0	3.3	0.0	2.9	3.9
JC to a SC/QC	(No Data)	0	0	1.0	0	0	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	1.0	1.4
<b>Criminal</b>												
SC/QC	(No Data)	7.5	2.2	0	0	0	1.9	6.0	29.2	21.3	14.6	-
JC on own	(No Data)	3.3	5.6	0.6	0.9	1.1	7.9	6.2	16.8	15.8	2.6	-
JC to a SC/QC	(No Data)	6.7	0	0	1.0	1.0	1.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	-

## AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS) MALE

	NSW	ACT	NT	QLD	QLD	QLD	SA	SA	WA	WA	TAS	FEDERAL
Hours	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Court of Appeal	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	
<b>Civil</b>												
SC/QC	(No Data)	6.9	28.6	3.4	3.2	3.0	9.9	7.0	8.0	17.6	5.0	119.7
JC on own	(No Data)	3.0	6.1	1.4	2.5	4.9	2.3	7.2	3.9	2.8	4.0	9.8
JC to a SC/QC	(No Data)	10.5	95.4	4.9	0	0	20.0	6.3	10.8	0	15.5	223.6
<b>Criminal</b>												
SC/QC	(No Data)	7.9	51.4	1.3	4.9	2.5	14.6	10.0	12.9	20.1	5.7	-
JC on own	(No Data)	1.7	10.2	0.9	3.1	2.5	10.7	14.6	12.9	12.2	5.3	-
JC to a SC/QC	(No Data)	13.7	75.0	2.7	0.6	115.0	16.9	55.0	36.3	28.8	8.9	-

## PERCENTAGE OF FEMALES APPEARING IN CIVIL MATTERS

	NSW	ACT	NT	QLD	QLD	QLD	SA	SA	WA	WA	TAS	FEDERAL
%	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Court of Appeal	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	
Application	0	Na	5.3	16.0	8.4	0	0	6.3	0	0	18.5	19.3
Injunction	0	5.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	33.3	0	0	0
Trial	16.3	1.7	0	-	0	0	0	10.9	3.3	12.5	22.2	7.8
Appeal	8.1	15.8	16.7	1.7	0	30.0	18.2	0	11.1	0	9.4	15.6
Other	19.4	0	0	0	0	0	18.8	23.1	27.8	0	12.5	29.8

## PERCENTAGE OF FEMALES APPEARING IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

	NSW	ACT	NT	QLD	QLD	QLD	SA	SA	WA	WA	TAS	FEDERAL
%	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Court of Appeal	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	District Court	Supreme Court	
Application	0	Na	0	16.7	6.5	12.9	0	25.0	50.0	0	0	0
Injunction	0	22.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	0	0
Trial	57.1	33.3	16.7	-	3.4	12.9	31.2	33.3	19.4	23.4	47.1	0
Appeal	22.2	7.7	25.0	13.9	0	11.8	37.9	0	6.1	0	58.3	0
Other	27.8	Na	43.8	16.6	6.7	32.2	36.0	45.3	26.7	0	51.5	0
Sentence	0	17.5	0	7.4	8.7	26.1	20.0	49.4	0	0	0	0

## II. NEW SOUTH WALES - SUPREME COURT

210 surveys were collected between January and April 2005. 17 were incorrectly completed leaving a total of 193 surveys.

There were a total of 661 appearances, 103 or 15.6%, by women.

### TOTAL APPEARANCES

	Number	Percent
Females	103	15.6
Males	558	84.4
TOTAL	661	100.0

### COMPOSITION OF THE BENCH FOR EACH HEARING

Master 8

Single Judge 122

Full Bench 63

**Total: 193**

	Female Appearances	Male Appearances	Female Appearances %
Master	5	13	27.8
Single Judge	69	280	19.8
Full Bench	29	265	9.9

## **TYPE OF MATTER**

There were 171 Civil and 22 Criminal matters

	Female	Male	Female %
Civil	84	507	14.2
Criminal	19	51	27.1

## **STATUS OF COUNSEL**

There was no breakdown between Junior Counsel appearing on their own and Junior Counsel appearing as a Junior to Senior Counsel in the NSW Data.

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	30	9	227	23	11.7	28.1
Junior Counsel	54	10	280	28	16.2	26.3

## **AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS)**

Data not available.

## TYPE OF HEARING

Trial 62  
Appeal 61  
Other 70

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
Trial	29	4	149	3	16.3	57.1
Appeal	18	10	204	35	8.1	22.2
Other	37	5	154	13	19.4	27.8

### III. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY – SUPREME COURT

115 surveys were collected between July and September 2004. 5 were so incomplete as to be unusable and were therefore excluded leaving 110 surveys.

There were a total of 240 appearances, 30 or 12.5%, by women.

The 5 excluded surveys were trials and appeals where there was no record of the time the hearing took. No women were recorded as appearing in any of the excluded surveys.

#### TOTAL APPEARANCES

	Number	Percent
Females	30	12.5
Males	210	87.5
TOTAL	240	100.0

#### COMPOSITION OF THE BENCH FOR EACH HEARING

Master 16

Single Judge 88

Full Bench 6

**Total: 110**

	Female Appearances	Male Appearances	Female Appearances %
Master	2	35	5.4
Single Judge	28	161	14.8
Full Bench	0.0	14	0.0

## TYPE OF MATTER

There were 53 Civil and 57 Criminal matters.

	Female	Male	Female %
Civil	7	126	5.3
Criminal	23	84	21.5

## STATUS OF COUNSEL

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	0	3	25	8	0.0	27.2
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC/QC)	7	15	80	82	8	15.5
Junior Counsel to a SC/QC	0	5	12	3	0.0	62.5

**AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS)**

	Female		Male	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	0	7.5	6.9	7.9
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own and not as junior to SC/QC)	2.2	3.3	3.0	1.7
Junior Counsel to SC/QC	0	6.7	10.5	13.7

**TYPE OF HEARING**

Interlocutory Application and Injunctions 43

Trial 32

Appeal 14

Other 21

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
Interlocutory/Injunction	3	6	52	21	5.5	22.2
Trial	1	9	58	18	1.7	33.3
Appeal	3	1	16	12	15.8	7.7
Sentence	Na	7	Na	33	0.0	17.5

#### IV. NORTHERN TERRITORY – SUPREME COURT

59 surveys were collected between August and November 2004. 6 were incorrectly completed leaving 53 surveys in total. There were a total of 107 appearances, 17 or 15.9%, by women.

##### TOTAL APPEARANCES

	Number	Percent
Females	17	15.9
Males	90	84.1
TOTAL	107	100.0

##### COMPOSITION OF THE BENCH FOR EACH HEARING

Master 2

Judge 48

Full Bench 3

**Total: 53**

	Female Appearances	Male Appearances	Female Appearances %
Master	0	3	0
Judge	16	82	16.3
Full Bench	1	5	16.7

## TYPE OF MATTER

There were 32 Civil and 21 Criminal matters

	Female	Male	Female %
Civil	5	58	7.9
Criminal	12	32	27.3

## STATUS OF COUNSEL

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	0	2	18	5	0	28.6
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC/QC)	5	10	36	23	12.2	30.3
Junior Counsel to a SC/QC	0		4	4	0	0

**AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS)**

	Female		Male	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	0	2.2	28.6	51.4
Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC/QC)	2.0	5.6	6.1	10.2
Junior Counsel to a SC/QC	0	0	95.4	75.0

**TYPE OF HEARING**

Injunction 2

Trial 14

Appeal 15

Interlocutory Application 9

Other 13

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
Injunction	0	0	2	0	0	0
Trial	0	4	13	20	0	16.7
Appeal	4	1	20	3	16.7	25.0
Interlocutory Application	1	0	18	0	5.3	0
Other	0	7	5	9	0	43.8

## V. (a) QUEENSLAND – COURT OF APPEAL

142 surveys were collected between July and September 2004.

There were a total of 288 appearances, 27 or 9.4%, by women.

### TOTAL APPEARANCES

	Number	Percent
Females	27	9.4
Males	261	90.6
TOTAL	288	100.0

### COMPOSITION OF THE BENCH FOR EACH HEARING

Single Judge 5

Three Judges 137

Five Judges 0

**Total: 142**

	Female Appearances	Male Appearances	Female Appearances %
Single Judge	2	7	22.2
Three Judges	25	254	9.0
Five Judges	0	0	0

**TYPE OF MATTER**

There were 41 Civil and 101 Criminal matters

	Female	Male	Female %
Civil	6	103	5.5
Criminal	21	158	11.7

**STATUS OF COUNSEL**

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	0	0	43	25	0	0
Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC/QC)	5	21	36	123	12.2	14.6
Junior Counsel to a SC/QC	1	0	24	10	4.0	0

**AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS)**

	Female		Male	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	0	0	3.4	1.3
Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC/QC)	1.0	0.6	1.4	0.9
Junior Counsel to a SC/QC	1.0	0	4.9	2.7

**TYPE OF HEARING**

Appeal 20  
 Leave Application 13  
 Other Application 16  
 Application against conviction 16

Sentence Application 12  
 Leave to appeal against sentence 40  
 Other application 25

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
Appeal	1	0	59	0	1.7	0
Leave Application	1	1	23	5	4.2	16.7
Appeal against conviction	0	5	0	31	0	13.9
Sentence application	0	2	0	25	0	7.4
Leave to appeal against sentence	0	9	0	77	0	10.5
Other application	4	4	21	20	16	16.6

## V. (b) QUEENSLAND – SUPREME COURT

340 surveys were collected between September and November 2004. 18 were incorrectly completed leaving a total of 322 surveys. There were a total of 649 appearances, 47 or 7.2%, by women.

### TOTAL APPEARANCES

	Number	Percent
Females	47	7.2
Males	602	92.8
TOTAL	649	100.0

### COMPOSITION OF THE BENCH FOR EACH HEARING

This Data was not collected for the Queensland Supreme Court.

### TYPE OF MATTER

There were 173 Civil and 149 Criminal matters

	Female	Male	Female %
Civil	24	327	6.8
Criminal	23	275	7.7

## STATUS OF COUNSEL

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	0	0	59	9	0	0
Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC/QC)	24	22	239	265	9.1	7.7
Junior Counsel to a SC/QC	0	1	29	1	0	50.0

## AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS)

	Female		Male	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	0	0	3.2	4.9
Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC/QC)	1.8	0.9	2.5	3.1
Junior Counsel to a SC/QC	0	1.0	0	0.6

**TYPE OF HEARING**

Injunction 3  
 Trial 29  
 Application 158  
 Sentence 106  
 Other 26

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
Injunction	0	0	5	0	0	0
Trial	0	1	35	28	0	3.4
Application	24	2	263	29	8.4	6.5
Sentence	0	18	4	190	0	8.7
Other	0	2	20	28	0	6.7

## V. (c) QUEENSLAND – DISTRICT COURT

383 surveys were collected between August and November 2004. 16 were not completed correctly leaving a total of 367 surveys. There were a total of 748 appearances, 184 or 24.6%, by women.

### TOTAL APPEARANCES

	Number	Percent
Females	184	24.6
Males	564	75.4
TOTAL	748	100.0

### COMPOSITION OF THE BENCH FOR EACH HEARING

This Data was not collected for the Queensland District Court.

### TYPE OF MATTER

There were 10 Civil and 357 Criminal.

	Female	Male	Female %
Civil	3	15	16.7
Criminal	181	549	24.8

**STATUS OF COUNSEL**

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	0	0	2	30	0	0
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC/QC)	3	178	13	516	18.8	25.6
Junior Counsel to a SC/QC	0	3	0	3	0	50.0

**AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS)**

	Female		Male	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	0	0	3.0	2.5
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC/QC)	1.2	1.1	4.9	2.5
Junior Counsel to a SC/QC	0	1.0	0	115.0

**TYPE OF HEARING**

Trial 35            Sentence 273  
 Appeal 12        Other 32  
 Application 15

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
Trial	0	9	4	61	0	12.9
Appeal	3	0	7	5	30.0	0
Application	0	2	2	15	0	11.8
Sentence	0	151	0	428	0	26.1
Other	0	19	2	40	0	32.2

## VI. (a) SOUTH AUSTRALIA – SUPREME COURT

112 surveys were collected between April and May 2005. 2 were incomplete leaving a total of 110 surveys. There were a total of 266 appearances, 63 or 23.7%, by women.

### TOTAL APPEARANCES

	Number	Percent
Females	63	23.7
Males	203	76.3
TOTAL	266	100.0

### COMPOSITION OF THE BENCH FOR EACH HEARING

31 Full Benches

79 Single Judges

**Total: 110**

	Female Appearances	Male Appearances	Female Appearances %
Judge	40	148	21.3
Full Bench	23	55	29.4

## TYPE OF MATTER

There were 52 Civil and 58 Criminal matters

	Female	Male	Female %
Civil	17	120	12.4
Criminal	46	83	35.7

## STATUS OF COUNSEL

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	3	10	46	15	6.1	40.0
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC)	9	31	53	61	14.5	33.7
Junior Counsel to a SC	5	5	21	7	19.2	41.7

## AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS)

	Civil		Criminal	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
SC/QC	2.8	9.9	1.9	14.6
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC)	0.8	2.3	7.9	10.7
Junior Counsel to a SC	1.0	20.0	1.8	16.9

**TYPE OF HEARING**

Interlocutory application 8

Injunction 1

Trial 7

Sentencing Submissions 3

Appeal 59

Other 32

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
Interlocutory application	0	0	29	0	0	0
Injunction	0	0	2	0	0	0
Trial	0	5	13	11	0	31.2
Sentencing Submissions	0	1	0	4	0	20.0
Appeal	14	22	63	36	18.2	37.9
Other	3	18	13	32	18.8	36.0

## VI. (b) SOUTH AUSTRALIA – DISTRICT COURT

183 surveys were collected between March and May 2005. 25 were incorrectly completed leaving a total of 158 surveys. There were a total of 365 appearances, 109 or 29.9%, by women.

### TOTAL APPEARANCES

	Number	Percent
Females	109	29.9
Males	256	70.1
TOTAL	365	100.0

### COMPOSITION OF THE BENCH FOR EACH HEARING

Masters 26

Single Judges 130

Judge with Others 2

**Total: 158**

	Female Appearances	Male Appearances	Female Appearances %
Master	4	69	5.5
Judge	103	184	35.9
Judge with others	2	3	40.0

### **TYPE OF MATTER**

There were 62 Civil and 96 Criminal matters

	Female	Male	Female %
Civil	17	135	11.2
Criminal	92	121	43.2

### **STATUS OF COUNSEL**

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	4	25	59	45	6.3	35.7
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC)	10	64	52	72	16.1	47.1
Junior Counsel to a SC	3	3	24	4	11.1	42.9

### **AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS)**

	Female		Male	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	6.2	6.0	7.0	10.0
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC)	9.0	6.2	7.2	14.6
Junior Counsel to a SC	1.0	1.0	6.3	55.0

**TYPE OF HEARING**

Conference 1

Interlocutory application 30

Trial 42

Sentencing submission 42

Other 43

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
Conference	1	0	0	0	100.0	0
Interlocutory application	5	1	74	3	6.3	25.0
Trial	5	20	41	40	10.9	33.3
Sentencing submission	0	42	0	43	0	49.4
Other	6	29	20	35	23.1	45.3

## VII. (a) WESTERN AUSTRALIA – SUPREME COURT

107 surveys were collected between August and November 2004. 3 were incorrectly completed leaving a total of 104 surveys.

There were a total of 276 appearances, 45 or 16.3%, by women.

### TOTAL APPEARANCES

	Number	Percent
Females	45	16.3
Males	231	83.7
TOTAL	276	100.0

### COMPOSITION OF BENCH

Master 6

Single Judge 60

Full Bench 38

**Total: 104**

	Female	Male	Female Appearances %
Master	9	1	90.0
Single Judge	26	133	16.4
Full Bench	10	97	9.3

**TYPE OF MATTER**

There were 67 Civil and 37 Criminal matters

	Female	Male	Female %
Civil	27	148	15.4
Criminal	18	83	17.8

**STATUS OF COUNSEL**

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	4	7	64	44	5.9	13.7
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC)	12	9	58	26	17.1	25.7
Junior Counsel to a SC	11	2	26	13	29.7	13.3

**AVERAGE DURATION OF MATTER (HOURS)**

	Female		Male	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	1.9	29.2	8.0	12.9
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC)	3.3	16.8	3.9	12.9
Junior Counsel to a SC	1.2	1.0	10.8	36.3

**TYPE OF MATTER**

Injunction 3

Trial 27

Appeal 40

Interlocutory application 31

Other 3

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
Injunction	2	0	4	0	33.3	0
Trial	1	7	30	29	3.3	19.4
Appeal	8	2	64	31	11.1	6.1
Interlocutory application	10	1	37	1	21.3	50.0
Other	5	8	13	22	27.8	26.7

## VII. (b) WESTERN AUSTRALIA – DISTRICT COURT

115 surveys were collected between August and November 2004. 15 were incomplete leaving 100 surveys  
There were a total of 194 appearances, 41 or 21.1%, by women.

### TOTAL APPEARANCES

	Number	Percent
Females	41	21.1
Males	153	78.9
TOTAL	194	100.0

### COMPOSITION OF BENCH

Registrar 3

Judge 97

**Total: 100**

	Female Appearances	Male Appearances	Female Appearance %
Registrar	0	13	0
Judge	41	140	22.7

## TYPE OF MATTER

There were 18 Civil and 82 Criminal matters

	Female	Male	Female %
Civil	1	24	4.0
Criminal	40	129	23.7

## STATUS OF COUNSEL

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	1	4	5	22	16.6	15.4
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC)	0	34	19	103	0	24.8
Junior Counsel to a SC	0	2	0	4	0	33.3

## AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS)

	Female		Male	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	25.0	21.3	17.6	20.1
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC)	0	15.8	2.8	12.2
Junior Counsel to a SC	0	1.0	0	28.8

## TYPE OF HEARING

Injunction 3

Trial 86

Interlocutory application 9

Other 2

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
Injunction	0	1	6	0	0	100.0
Trial	1	39	7	128	12.5	23.4
Interlocutory application	0	0	9	0	0	0
Other	0	0	2	0	0	0

## VIII. TASMANIA – SUPREME COURT

150 surveys were collected between February and May 2005. 3 were incomplete leaving a total of 147. There were a total of 289 appearances, 118 or 40.8%, by women.

### TOTAL APPEARANCES

	Number	Percent
Females	118	40.8
Males	171	59.2
TOTAL	289	100.0

### COMPOSITION OF BENCH

Master 4  
Single Judge 131  
Full Bench 12  
**Total: 147**

	Female Appearances	Male Appearances	Female Appearances %
Master	4	5	44.4
Single Judge	108	153	41.4
Full Bench	6	13	31.6

## TYPE OF MATTER

There were 36 Civil and 111 Criminal matters

	Female	Male	Female %
Civil	11	65	14.5
Criminal	107	106	50.2

## STATUS OF COUNSEL

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	3	3	17	23	15.0	11.5
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC)	6	97	46	74	11.5	56.7
Junior Counsel to a SC	2	7	2	9	50.0	43.8

## AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS)

	Female		Male	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	3.3	14.6	5.0	5.7
Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC)	2.9	2.6	4.0	5.3
Junior Counsel to a SC	1.0	1.3	15.5	8.9

## TYPE OF HEARING

Interlocutory Application 15

Injunction 0

Trial 34

Appeal 24

Other 74

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
Interlocutory Application	5	0	22	1	18.5	0
Trial	2	33	7	37	22.2	47.1
Appeal	3	7	29	5	9.4	58.3
Other	1	67	7	63	12.5	51.5

## IX. FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

150 surveys were collected between July and September 2005.

There were a total of 389 appearances, 73 or 18.8%, by women.

### TOTAL APPEARANCES

	Number	Percent
Females	73	18.8
Males	316	81.2
TOTAL	389	100.0

### COMPOSITION OF BENCH

Judge 139

Full Bench 11

**Total: 150**

	Female Appearances	Male Appearances	Female Appearances %
Judge	68	301	18.4
Full Bench	5	15	25.0

### **TYPE OF MATTER**

There were 150 Civil and no Criminal matters

	Female	Male	Female %
Civil	73	316	18.8

### **STATUS OF COUNSEL**

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil		Civil		Civil	
SC/QC	6		98		5.8	
Junior Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC)	43		147		22.6	
Junior Counsel to a SC	24		71		25.3	

### **AVERAGE DURATION OF HEARING (HOURS)**

	Female		Male	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
SC/QC	2.7		119.7	
Counsel (appearing on their own, not as junior to SC)	3.9		9.8	
Junior Counsel to a SC	1.4		223.6	

## TYPE OF HEARING

Interlocutory Application 42

Injunction 3

Trial 25

Appeal 20

Other 60

	Female		Male		Female %	
	Civil		Civil		Civil	
Interlocutory Application	21		88		19.3	
Injunction	0		7		0	
Trial	8		102		7.8	
Appeal	5		27		15.6	
Other	39		92		29.8	