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## Enid Campbell interviewed by Ruth Campbell in the Law in Australian society oral history project [sound recording]

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### Details

2 digital audio tapes (ca. 181 min.)??Campbell, Professor of Law, Monash University, speaks of her family background; her father, a solicitor in Tasmania with a varied practice; the selective education girls received during the War years; her artistic inclinations such as drawing and piano; her studies at University of Tasmania; her doctoral work at Duke University from 1956; her decision to teach international law at the University of Tasmania in 1959; how she taught at University of Sydney's Dept. of Law; her promotion to senior lecturer in 1962 and later first Australian woman to achieve Associate Professor of Law; the writing of her three classic texts produced from 1965 to 1967; her study of legal history with Willard Hurst at the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1966; how she wrote on U.S. freedom of information legislation here which lead to its introduction into Australia.??Campbell discusses how she became Professor of Law at Monash in 1967; the growth of the new law school and the central importance of building a first class law library; how female staffing of the school grew gradually to its current level of 50%; her involvement on government committees such as the Coombs Royal Commission in 1973 to review the Australian Public Service; the Advisory Council to the Law Reform Commissioner of Victoria in 1983/84; achieving increased funding for legal resources for many institutions with the 1986 Pearce Committee review of the standards of law schools; her work in 1985-1988 on the Constitutional Commission and writing a substantial part of the final report; and her ambition to rewrite Australian legal history.

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