# The Australian Women's Register

**Entry type:** Person **Entry ID:** AWE5797

# Dessau, Linda

Occupation Barrister, Governor, Judge, Lawyer, Solicitor

# Summary

Her Excellency the Hon. Linda Dessau AM was the first female Governor of Victoria, sworn in on 1 July 2015. She studied law at the University of Melbourne and was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1975, signing the Victorian Bar Roll in 1978.

In 2017, Her Excellency was made a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia 'for eminent service to the people of Victoria through leadership roles in the judiciary, to the advancement of economic ties and business relationships, and as a supporter of charitable, sporting and arts organisations'.

# **Events**

#### 2018 - 2018

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

#### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### **Resource Section**

Linda Dessau will become Victoria's first female Governor, Willingham, Richard, 2015, <a href="http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/linda-dessau-will-become-victorias-first-female-governor-20150211-13bjn8.html">http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/linda-dessau-will-become-victorias-first-female-governor-20150211-13bjn8.html</a>

Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AM Governor of Victoria, 2015, <a href="http://governor.vic.gov.au/victorias-governor/biography/her-excellency-the-hon-linda-dessau-am-">http://governor.vic.gov.au/victorias-governor/biography/her-excellency-the-hon-linda-dessau-am-</a>

### Site Exhibition

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016, <a href="http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers">http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers</a>

# **Author Details**

Larissa Halonkin

**Created** 17 August 2016 **Last modified** 15 October 2018