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Melbourne’s top female lawyers: Nanette Rogers, Ruth Shann, Zarah Garde-Wilson and others

There is no shortage of women making their mark in the courtroom. These are Melbourne’s female lawyers on top in 2022.

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Melbourne’s top female lawyers.

Melbourne law fraternity is abound with dozens and dozens of female lawyers with decades of experience between them who blazed a trail with their work as solicitors, prosecutors, barristers and senior counsel.

These are just some of the very many Melbourne's female lawyers who are at the top of their game in 2022.

NANETTE ROGERS, SC



Nanette Rogers during her time as a top NT prosecutor.

Nanette Rogers is one of Victoria's most experienced barristers. Ms Rogers, a senior Crown prosecutor has held the reins at many high-profile criminal matters. Ms Rogers recently ran a successful prosecution against murderer Adrian Basham who killed his wife in 2018.

RUTH SHANN, QC





Ruth Shann

Ruth Shann's successful courtroom career went up a notch when the fearless criminal barrister earned her silk in 2021. Ms Shann has represented many high profile clients including George Pell and Tony Mokbel.

ZARAH GARDE-WILSON



Zarah Garde-Wilson leaves court in 2016.

Zarah Garde-Wilson is one of Melbourne's most well known criminal lawyers after she acted for persons alleged to have been connected to Melbourne's Gangland War. However, Ms Garde-Wilson, who was portrayed in TV show Underbelly, is a professional operator who defends many through her own firm.





Garde-Wilson is well known outside of the legal fraternity.

DIANE HOGAN

Senior Office of Public Prosecutions prosecutor Diane Hogan is well known in Melbourne's legal circles. Ms Hogan has led many successful prosecutions during her lengthy career.

BELINDA FRANJIC



Belinda Franjic

Barrister Belinda Franjic is highly experienced in indictable crime and has acted in matters involving serious assault, sex offences, homicide, deception, drugs and money laundering. Ms Franjic also has extensive experience in summary matters, including driving and regulatory offences. Belinda has appeared for the defence in the High Court, Supreme Court, County Court and Magistrates' Court.

GINA LIANO





Gina Liano

Before Gina Liano became a household name for her *The Real Housewives of Melbourne* role she was and remains a highly experienced barrister. Ms Liano, who also appeared on *The Celebrity Apprentice Australia*, first signed the Bar Roll in 1999.

FRANCESCA HOLMES

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Francesca Holmes

Francesca Holmes has practised for more than 20 years and has more than 18 years’ experience in criminal law. Ms Holmes, a prominent prosecutor, has extensive trial experience in the County Court particularly in the area of sexual offences and Commonwealth crime including people smuggling and drug importation. Ms Holmes also has extensive experience in sensitive witness management, having appeared in many civil and criminal cases involving sexual misconduct and fatalities.

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