

Jillian Segal AO '73

After twelve enjoyable years at Kambala Jillian graduated in 1973. She completed a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degrees at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) where she was awarded the University Medal in Law in 1979. Her first job was as an Associate to Sir Anthony Mason of the High Court of Australia. Following two years at Allens (now Allens Linklaters) as a junior lawyer, Jillian and her husband John Roth left for the United States where Jillian completed a Masters in Law at Harvard Law School and worked for Wall Street law firm Davis Polk & Wardell.

After returning to Australia in 1982, Jillian re-joined Allens where she became a partner. In 1987 she became the first partner to take maternity leave for daughter Jessica, and again in 1989 for son Jeremy.

Jillian left Allens after seven years as partner and became a Commissioner (and later Deputy Chair) at the Australian Securities and Investment Commission focusing on policy and consumer issues. After completing a five-year term Jillian left ASIC and participated in the Dawson Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. Jillian was a member of the Australian Securities Exchange Board from 2003 to 2015. Currently, she is a non-executive director of Rabobank Australia, a director of the Garvan Institute of Medical Research, a director of the Grattan Institute and Chair of the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce (NSW).

Jillian's strong interest in governance has led to appointments on a number of government advisory bodies including the Administrative Review Council and the Federal Remuneration Tribunal and currently as Chair of the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority. Her passion for education has resulted in her appointment as Chair of the John Monash Foundation and previously Deputy Chancellor of UNSW Australia. Her cultural involvement includes being a past member of the Major Performing Arts Board at the Australia Council, and a current Trustee of the Sydney Opera House Trust. Jillian was awarded a Centenary Medal (2003), a UNSW Australia Alumni Award (2005), made a Member of the Order of Australia (2005) and an Officer of the Order of Australia (2019).

Jillian considers herself extremely fortunate to have had a wonderful school and university education, an interesting and varied career as well as fabulous parents, husband, two gorgeous children and two grandchildren.