

Equality before and in the law: an Australian perspective

Speech to the Azerbaijani Bar Association

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HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

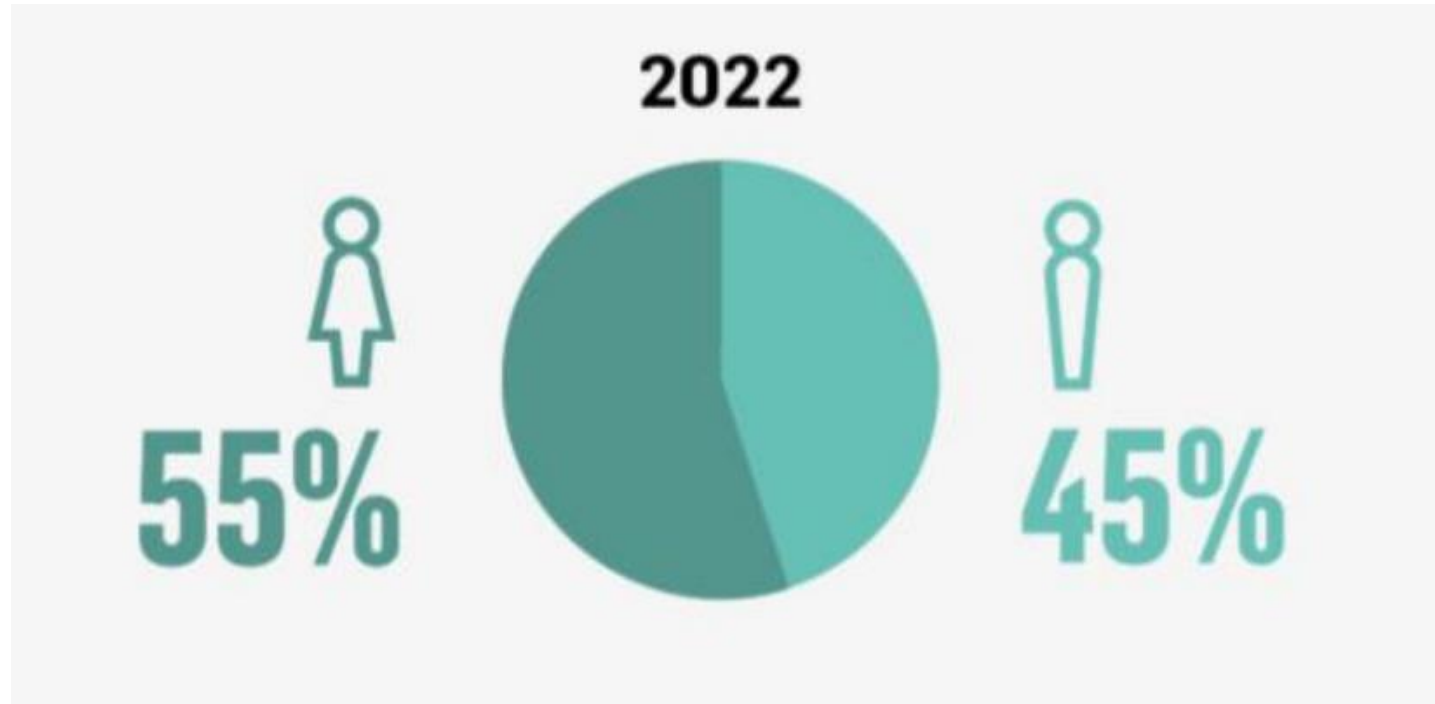
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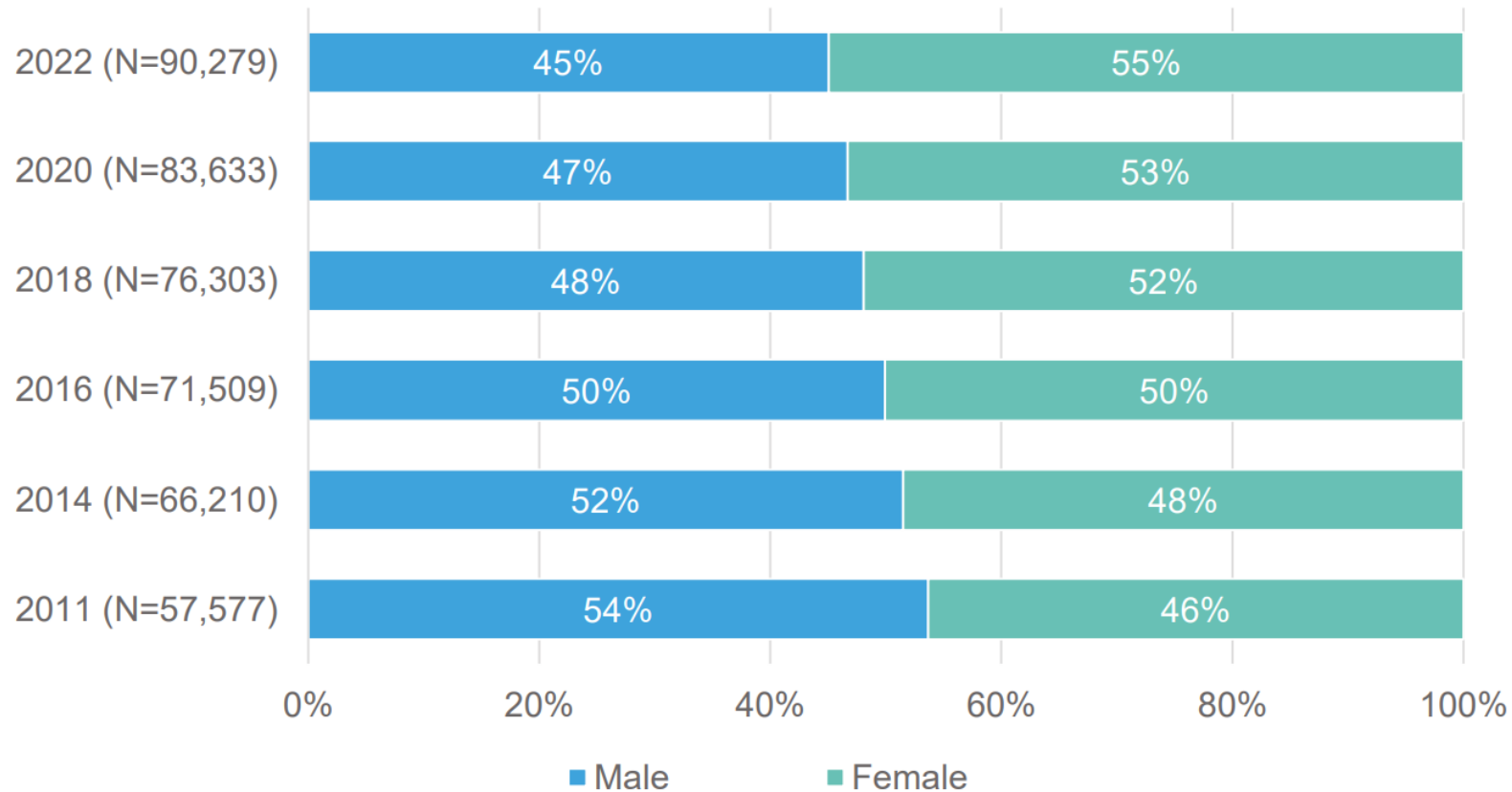
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Female solicitors outnumber male colleagues



Source: Urbis, *National Profile of Solicitors* (2022) 19

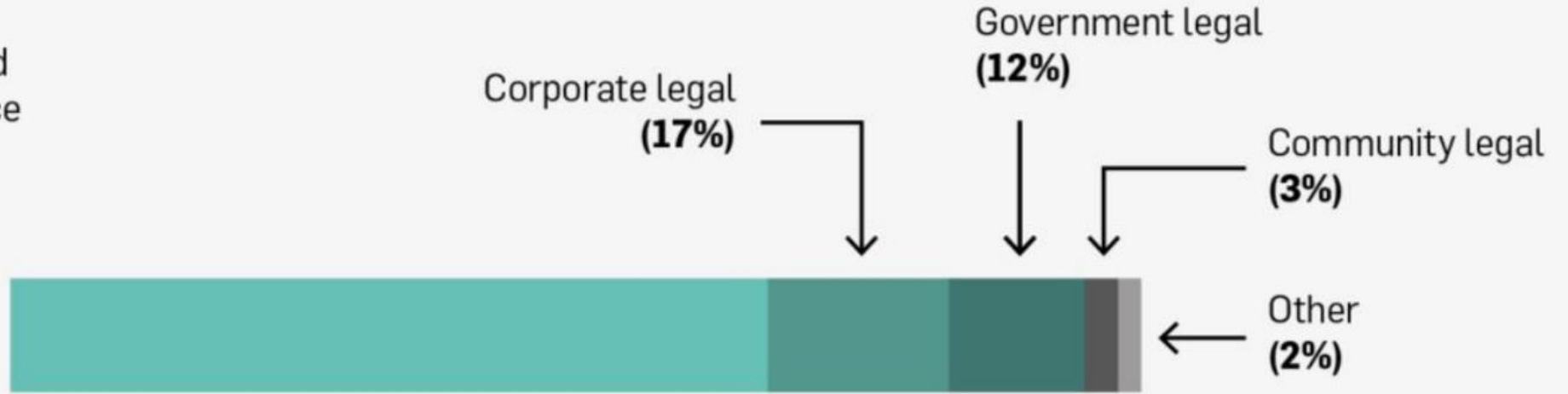
Australian solicitors by gender



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In 2022, most solicitors worked in private practice

67%



Private practice



Corporate legal



Government legal



Community legal



Other



Then: Australia's High Court Bench in 1952



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And now: Australia's High Court Bench in 2023



Source: Australian Financial Review

<https://www.afr.com/politics/federal/jayne-jagot-joins-the-high-court-20220929-p5blv9>

“We will all profit from a more diverse, inclusive society, understanding, accommodating, even celebrating our differences, while pulling together for the common good.”

Late US Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg