

# Gendered Profession: Harriet Harriss, the First Female Barrister

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## A Gendered Profession by Harriet Harriss

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Harriss was born in 1863 in London, England. Her father was a successful lawyer, and she was raised in a privileged environment. Harriss attended the University of London, where she studied law. She graduated in 1897, and she was called to the bar in 1898.

As a female barrister, Harriss faced many challenges. She was often treated with hostility by her male colleagues, and she was denied access to many of the same opportunities as men. However, she refused to be deterred, and she continued to work hard and to prove herself.

In 1902, Harriss became the first female barrister to be appointed to the Northern Circuit. This was a major achievement, and it helped to pave the

way for other women to enter the legal profession.

Harriss continued to practice law until her retirement in 1938. She was a successful barrister, and she was widely respected by her peers. She was also a role model for other women who were seeking to enter the legal profession.

Harriet Harriss was a pioneering figure in the legal profession. She was the first female barrister in England and Wales, and she faced many challenges as a woman in a male-dominated profession. However, she refused to be deterred, and she continued to work hard and to prove herself.

Harriss's work helped to pave the way for other women to enter the legal profession. She was a role model for other women, and she helped to change the face of the legal profession.

### **Challenges Faced by Harriet Harriss**

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- **Hostility from male colleagues:** Harriss was often treated with hostility by her male colleagues. They refused to work with her, and they often made rude and sexist comments.



- **Denial of access to opportunities:** Harriss was often denied access to the same opportunities as men. She was not allowed to join certain legal organizations, and she was not given the same opportunities for advancement.



- **Lack of support from the legal profession:** The legal profession was not supportive of Harriss's efforts to become a barrister. The Law Society refused to admit her as a member, and the Inns of Court refused to call her to the bar.



Despite the challenges that she faced, Harriss refused to be deterred. She continued to work hard and to prove herself. She eventually became a successful barrister, and she helped to pave the way for other women to enter the legal profession.

### **Harriet Harriss's Legacy**

Harriet Harriss's legacy is one of achievement and perseverance. She was a pioneering figure in the legal profession, and she helped to change the face of the legal profession.

Harriss's work helped to pave the way for other women to enter the legal profession. She was a role model for other women, and she helped to change the way that women were viewed in the legal profession.

Today, women are well-represented in the legal profession. They make up over half of all law students, and they hold many leadership positions in the legal profession. This is due in part to the work of Harriet Harriss and other pioneering women who fought for the right of women to practice law.

Harriet Harriss was a remarkable woman who made a significant contribution to the legal profession. She was a pioneer, a role model, and a change-maker. Her legacy will continue to inspire women for generations to come.



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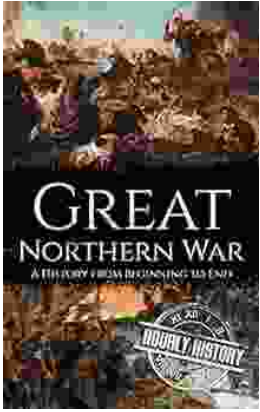
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