

Dame Alison Quentin-Baxter (Souter)



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Dame Alison Quentin-Baxter became interested in law after her father suggested the idea to her when she was 14. After Epsom Girls Grammar School she got her degree in law, and was then given a job as the most junior member of the Legal Division at what is now the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. As she was a woman, her employer hesitated at employing her. Yet, through hard work, four years later she was appointed the Head of the Legal Division.

Alison also helped the people of the Marshall Islands to make a constitution to enable their independence. This constitution of the independent Republic of the Marshall Islands still remains in force today.

“Job satisfaction and success come from giving everything your best shot, enjoying the challenges but also the pleasures of working cooperatively with other people.”

