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Before founding JERA International, Judith was a Business Performance Strategist, as well as a long term entrepreneur across numerous sectors, and a prominent activist for women in business and the economy, nationally and internationally. She has had extensive community sector experience and a deep interest that encompasses disability, urban, regional, rural and isolated women, as well as the small business sector, working with government and non-government agencies on legislative reform, submissions, lobbying and research to contribute towards improved life long economic wellbeing for women .

Judith has been an NGO Expert Advisor on Australian Government Delegations to the UN CSW on a number of occasions, covering thematic issues such as; Women, the Girl Child & HIV-AIDS/ Role of Men & Boys in Gender Equality/ Women's equal participation, conflict prevention, management & conflict resolution & in post-conflict peace building/ Elimination of all forms of discrimination & violence against the girl child/ Capacity-building on gender mainstreaming in the development, implementation & evaluation of national policies & programs for the elimination of all forms of discrimination/ Financing for gender equality & empowerment of women. She was also on the Australian Government Delegation negotiation team to APEC, Women's Economic Summit in San Francisco.

Judith is on the Board of a number of organisations including Small Enterprise Association of Australian and New Zealand (SEAANZ), Independent Contractors Australia (ICA), Self Employed Australia (SEA), National Foundation of Australian Women (NFAW). Previous Board Directorships and Leadership roles include; Council of Small Business of Australia (COSBOA); Asia Pacific Diversity Foundation; (APDF) Vice Chair, Riding for the Disabled Association Australia (RDAA); Vice Chair, Business & Professional Women's Co-operative (BPW CoOp) and the Australian Defence Forces Reserves Support Council (DRSC). Judith is a National Institute for Governance member. She has been National President of Business and Professional Women Australia (BPWA) and was founding Chair of economic Security 4 Women (eS4W), one of the National Women's Alliances.

Judith has been a representative on numerous government consultative bodies such as the Australian Tax Office, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade & Attorney General's Department Human Rights Forums and Victorian Government's Work, Family and Community Life Advisory Committee.