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FIRST Aboriginal barrister Mrs. Patricia O'Shane is congratulated by her daughters, Lydia, 13 (left) and Marilyn, 12, and a brother outside the Supreme Court in Sydney yesterday.

Mrs. O'Shane was admitted to the bar yesterday in a small ceremony watched by her family.

In Sydney for the occasion were her daughters, her father, Mr. Pat O'Shane, her brothers, Dan, an electrician, and Terry, a seaman, and her sister, Margaret, a nurse.

Mrs. O'Shane first taught at schools in Cairns, but after an ill-

Patricia is the first

ness decided to take up law.

Mrs. O'Shane said yesterday she had experienced racism from fellow students at university, but not from her tutors or established barristers.

A racist remark had been directed at her recently in Cairns, she said.