

obituaries

The Hon Mr Justice LK Murphy

The Hon Mr Justice Lionel Murphy of the Australian High Court died in his Canberra home on 21 October 1986. Justice Murphy was 64 years of age. Admitted to the New South Wales Bar in 1947 and the Victorian Bar in 1958 he became a Queen's Counsel for New South Wales in 1960. Justice Murphy was an ALP Senator for New South Wales from 1962 to 1975. He was Leader of the Opposition in the Senate from 1967 to 1972 and Leader of the Government in the Senate, Attorney-General and Minister for Customs and Excise from 1972 to 1975. Justice Murphy, who had degrees in Science and Law from Sydney University, was appointed a Justice of the High Court in 1975. The High Court handed down the last two judgments in which he was involved just hours before his death. He initiated reforms in family law, consumer protection, legal aid, civil liberties, racial discrimination and electoral law. Justice Murphy was concerned for law reform generally and was Attorney-General when the Law Reform Commission Act was passed in 1973. The first Chairman and Members of the ALRC were appointed prior to his appointment to the High Court whilst he was still Attorney-General. Speaking just after his death, the Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, said, 'Lionel Murphy was a great Australian and one of our finest-ever jurists. He made a significant and lasting contribution to the Parliament and the legal system of this country. The people have lost a humanist and a jurist of rare talent and significance' (*Sydney Morning Herald*, 22 October 1986).

Mr William Clifford

Mr Bill Clifford, who was the Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology from 1975 to 1983, died in Canberra on 6 June 1986. An internationally recognised authority on justice matters and former senior expert for the United Nations, his concern for the social welfare of the disadvantaged especially in under-developed countries was widely known. He was a former senior officer of the British Colonial Service, a former Director of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Services and also a former Vice-President of the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences. Mr Clifford was the Executive Secretary of the Fourth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and he assisted the ALRC as an honorary consultant on its Reference on Sentencing of Federal Offenders.

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The Hon Mr Justice DM Ryan

The Hon Mr Justice Donnell Michael Ryan was appointed a Judge of the Federal Court on 29 September 1986. A Queens Counsel for Victoria since 1980 and for New South Wales since 1982 he was appointed a part-time Member of the ALRC in April 1984. Justice Ryan

has been a Member of the Ethics Committee of the Royal Women's Hospital since 1982 and was editor of the Federal Law Reports from 1974 to 1980. He was also a Teaching Fellow in Law at Monash University from 1965 to 1969 and a Tutor at the College of Legal Education from 1966 to 1971. He is currently a member of the ALRC Divisions on Sentencing, Evidence, Admiralty and Contempt.

Ms Moira Emilie Rayner

Ms Moira Emilie Rayner was appointed as a full-time Commissioner of the WALRC on 7 July 1986, to replace Mr HH Jackson who had been appointed a judge of the District Court of Western Australia. Ms Rayner, who was appointed for a period of three years, holds the degree of LLB from the University of Western Australia and was admitted as a legal practitioner in 1972. Before joining the independent bar in 1985, she was senior partner in a firm of barristers and solicitors in Perth. She has served as legal member of the Social Securities Appeals Tribunal of Western Australia since 1979 and is convenor of that Tribunal since 1983. She has been a member of Legislative Review Committees on Mental Health and Welfare Services. She chaired the Child Care Planning Committee and was a member of the Advisory Board to the Welfare and Community Services Review.

Mr Gordon Lewis

Mr Gordon D Lewis, Executive Director of the Law Institute of Victoria since 1975, took up his appointment as Victorian Commissioner for Corporate Affairs in July. Mr Lewis has a Degree in Law from Melbourne University and was admitted as barrister and solicitor in 1958. Prior to his appointment to the Law Institute he was a partner in a firm of solicitors from 1962 to 1974. He is a Member of the Victorian Legal Aid Commission and Secretary of the Victorian Society of Notaries.

Mr GK Kolts OBE, QC

Mr Geoffrey Kolts was appointed Commonwealth Ombudsman on 1 July 1986. He was First Commonwealth Parliamentary Counsel since 1981. Mr Kolts had worked in the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel since 1962 after working as a Principal Legal Officer in the Attorney-General's Department. He was appointed Second Parliamentary Counsel in 1972. He was a Member of the Administrative Review Council from 1976 to 1981 and was appointed to the New South Wales Bar in 1982. He has degrees in Arts and Law from Sydney University.

Mr I Turnbull

Mr Ian Turnbull has been appointed First Parliamentary Counsel for seven years from 1 July 1986, replacing Mr Kolts. Mr Turnbull was appointed Second Parliamentary Counsel in 1981 and has worked as a Parliamentary Counsel for the Commonwealth since 1968, first in the Parliamentary Drafting Division of the Attorney-General's Department and subsequently in the

Office of Parliamentary Counsel. He has degrees in Arts and Law from Cambridge University.

Professor Maureen Brunt

Professor Maureen Brunt was reappointed a Member of the Trade Practices Tribunal for five years from July 1986. She holds a Chair of Economics at Monash University and has a Doctorate of Philosophy from Harvard University. She has written extensively on trade practices law with emphasis on economic aspects. She was Chairman of the Victorian Consumer Affairs Council between 1980 and 1983. Professor Brunt was first appointed to the Trade Practices Tribunal in 1975 and was reappointed in 1980 and 1983.

Mr RJ Moss

Mr Richard Moss has been appointed as Commissioner for Corporate Affairs in the Australian Capital Territory. His appointment commenced on 5 August 1986. He was formerly head of the Legal Aid Branch of the Attorney-General's Department and will replace Mr Astolfi who has been Commissioner since 1981. Mr Moss was admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court of South Australia in 1971. Before joining the Attorney-General's Department in 1972 he worked in private practice.

Mr P Brazil

The Secretary to the Cth Attorney-General's Department, Mr Patrick Brazil, has been appointed to the Administrative Review Council. He was admitted to practice as a Barrister of the Supreme Court of Brisbane in 1953. In 1973 and 1974 he was the agent for Australia in the Nuclear Tests Case in the International Court of Justice. Mr Brazil is a Member of the Council of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration and the National Debt Commission. His term of appointment to the ARC is for three years.

Ms P O'Shane, AM

Ms Patricia O'Shane was recently sworn in as Australia's first aboriginal magistrate. Ms O'Shane was the first aboriginal person to graduate in law and become a barrister at law and in 1977 she was named Woman of the Year and was awarded the Lady Jessie Street Memorial Prize by the United Associations of Women. Ms O'Shane graduated in 1960 from the Queensland Teachers' College and between 1961 and 1971 was a teacher in Cairns. In 1975 she graduated as a bachelor of laws from the University of New South Wales and the following year was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia. Ms O'Shane was, until her appointment as a magistrate, a Secretary of the New South Wales Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs. She was involved in the New South Wales Government Task Force on Domestic Violence for which she carried out research into aboriginal women and Domestic Violence and was a member of the official Australian delegation to the United Decade for Women Conference in Nairobi in 1985. She made

extensive submissions to the Law Reform Commission of the Northern Territory on the subject of Mental Health which led to changes of the Mental Health Legislation in the Northern Territory. She also made several submissions on the new Mental Health Legislation in New South Wales. She was admitted as a member of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours in 1984. She is currently a member of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission.

Family Court

Three new judges have recently been appointed to the Family Court. They are the Hon Mr Justice Hugh Burton, a former barrister and solicitor in Adelaide, who will be based at the Adelaide Registry of the Court; the Hon Mr Justice Joseph Kay, a former Victorian barrister who will be based at the Melbourne Registry of the Court; the Hon Justice Mary Lawrie, a former Sydney barrister, who will be based at the Sydney Registry of the Court and the Hon Mr Justice Graham Mullane, a former Newcastle solicitor who will be based at the Newcastle Registry of the Court.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

The Hon Mr Justice Purvis of the Family Court has been appointed a presidential member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The Hon Mr Justice Gray of the Federal Court has also been appointed a presidential member whilst Mr Lawrence Cohen has been re-appointed a part-time member of the Tribunal.

ALRC

Ms Virginia Pursell

After nine and a half years as the ALRC Librarian, Ms Virginia Pursell is leaving the Commission to take over as managing director of a family business. Ms Pursell's talent and enthusiasm as a law librarian is known to law reformers around Australia and have been especially appreciated by ALRC lawyers. In addition to her other duties she has for many years prepared the sections of *Reform* dealing with new publications, new references and what's going on in the lrc's and has recently assisted the Commission on its public relations. Her vibrant personality and individual style will be sadly missed by her colleagues at the ALRC.

other changes

The new Secretary and Director of Research at the ALRC is Mr Stephen Mason. He has degrees in Arts and Law from Sydney University and a Master of Town and Country Planning from the same university. Stephen was appointed to the Commission's staff as Assistant Legislative Draftsman in 1980 and as Legislative Draftsman in 1981. He previously worked in the Northern Territory Department of Law, in the NSW Planning and Environment Commission and in private practice. The Commission's new librarian is Ms Joanna Longley, formerly a librarian in the Reference Section of the Attorney-General's Department and in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal library in Canberra. Ms Longley

has a Bachelor of Arts from Canberra College of Advanced Education. Ms Le Hoang commenced as the Commission's Administrative/Finance Officer in August 1986. Formerly the Finance Officer for the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal, she obtained her accountancy qualifications whilst undertaking a Bachelor of Economics Degree at the Australian National University. Mr Ian Freckelton, a Senior Law Reform Officer, left the ALRC in October to take up the position of Manager of the Police Complaints Authority in Victoria. During his time with the Commission Mr Freckelton made a major contribution to the Evidence Interim Report and played an important role in the preparation of Volumes 1 and 2 of the Law Reform Digest. He was also a major contributor of *Reform* articles.

NSWLRC

Mr Patrick Cavanagh, who worked on the Evidence reference as a legal research consultant, has left the Commission to take up his appointment as executive officer of the Australian Commercial Disputes Centre. Ms Gail Morgan, who was appointed a legal officer in June 1986, is responsible for the research on the Surrogate Motherhood project within the Artificial Conception reference. Ms Morgan is completing a Master of Laws degree by thesis at the University of Sydney. Miss Leanne O'Shannessy has been engaged as a legal research consultant since June 1986, working on the Community Law Reform Program. Miss O'Shannessy, a solicitor, was formerly a researcher and writer for Camilleri's *Practice and Procedure of the High Court and Federal Court of Australia*. Ms Rocque Reynolds, previously an industrial officer and advocate with the Australian Social Welfare Union, joined the Commission as a legal research consultant in June 1986 to work on the Criminal Procedure reference. Ms Clare Sneddon, who had been engaged as a legal research consultant on the Criminal Procedure reference and the Community Law Reform Program, left the Commission in July 1986 to attend the College of Law. Mr Kimber Swan has been appointed a legal officer to assist on the Criminal Procedure reference. Immediately prior to his appointment, Mr Swan, a solicitor, held a position as tutor at the Australian National University. He is the Compensation Editor of the *Australian Administrative Law Service*. Ms Meredith Wilkie, senior legal officer, is on leave for 12 months undertaking postgraduate studies at the University of Virginia.

SALRC

The Hon Mr Justice Howard Zelling recently retired from the Supreme Court of South Australia. The name of his successor as Chairman of the Law Reform Committee of South Australia is yet to be announced. For a note on Justice Zelling see the previous issue, [1986] *Reform* 165. Mr John Perry QC has joined the South Australian Law Reform Committee as the Committee member nominated by the Law Society of South Australia. Mr Perry succeeds Mr Peter Morgan whose resignation was recently accepted by the Attorney-General. Mr Per-

ry is an experienced and respected barrister and recent President of the South Australian Law Society. Mr Malcolm Gray QC has resigned as Solicitor-General of South Australia and has been succeeded by Mr John Doyle QC. Mr Gray has accepted the post as Senior Public Defender in New South Wales. Mr Doyle's ex officio membership of the South Australian Law Reform Committee has not yet been confirmed. Mr Nicholas Iles recently resigned as a researcher to the South Australian Law Reform Committee. Mr Iles has left for the UK to take up studies towards his LLM at Cambridge and hopes to work for a London law firm on completion of his degree. Mr Neville Rochow has also recently resigned as a researcher to the South Australian Law Reform Committee. He was admitted to practise in Victoria in September. He joins the firm of Baker and McKenzie as an associate in October, working principally in the Melbourne office. He anticipates admission to practise in New South Wales in November.

VCJC

The new Secretary of the Victorian Chief Justice's Law Reform Committee is Dr Adrian Bradbrook, the Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Melbourne and a Reader in Law at that University. Dr Bradbrook holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Canterbury University, Master of Laws from York University in Canada and Doctor of Philosophy from Melbourne University. He was appointed Reader in Law in 1979. Other positions held by Dr Bradbrook are Assistant Professor (Dalhousie) from 1970 to 1972, Visiting Lecturer (Hong Kong) in 1976 and Senior Lecturer, Melbourne University 1972 to 1979. The previous Secretary of the VCJC was Dr JJ Hardingham.

Scottish Law Commission

Professor Philip N Love CBE has accepted an invitation from the Lord Advocate to become a part-time member of the Scottish Law Commission from 1 August 1986 for a period of 5 years. Professor Love will succeed Mr RDD Bertram. Mr Bertram is returning to private practice on a full-time basis after serving for 8 years as a part-time member of the Commission. Professor Love is Professor of Conveyancing and Professional Practice of Law at Aberdeen University and was Dean of the Faculty of Law from 1979 to 1982. Formerly a partner of Messrs Campbell Connors & Co, Solicitors, Aberdeen, Professor Love has been their consultant since 1974. A member of the Council of the Law Society of Scotland since 1975, Professor Love was President in 1981-82. He is also a member of the Court of Session Rules Council and the Council of the International Bar Association and is Vice Chairman of Grampian Health Board's Medical Ethical Committee.