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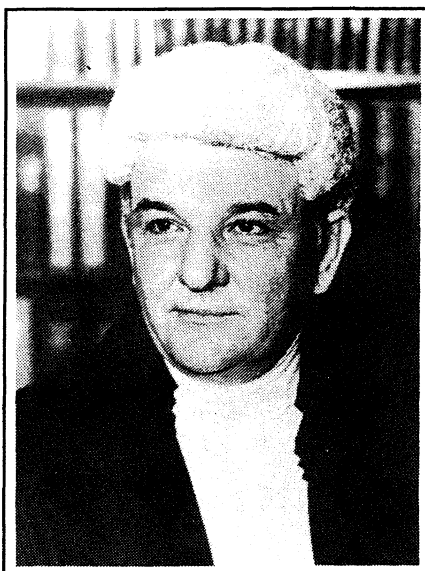
Justice Brian Martin has been named as the Northern Territory's new Chief Justice following the retirement of Justice Asche to take up the role of Administrator.

Justice Martin, 57, was educated in Lithgow, New South Wales, and following five years of Articles was admitted to practice as a solicitor in Sydney in 1959.

In September 1963 Justice Martin and his wife, Lorraine, moved to Alice Springs where he practised until he was appointed Solicitor-General and Secretary of the Department of Law in Darwin in 1981.

Justice and Mrs Martin have four children, all born in Alice Springs.

Justice Martin was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1982.



Chief Justice Brian Martin

He ceased as Secretary of the Department of Law in 1986 and continued as Solicitor-General until his appointment to the Supreme Court bench in 1987.

Justice Martin was an active community member in Alice Springs and served on the Town Management Board and the Town Council.

He was Mayor from 1972-75.

He has served on Legislative Assembly committees into welfare needs and pastoral land tenure.

He was on the Board of Directors of the Australian Bicentennial Authority.

In 1982 Justice Martin became a Member of the Order of the British Empire and in 1989 an Officer of the Order of Australia.

Law Handbook out

The Darwin Community Legal Service has achieved another first.

The Northern Territory's first Law Handbook is now available and is one of the first law handbooks in Australia to contain a chapter on the law as it relates to AIDS.

The handbook has been designed for the ordinary person and follows along the lines of handbooks published by other community legal services.

The handbook includes an introduction which explains the difference between statute and common law and the various court structures.

There is a chapter on dealing with lawyers which includes how to determine when a lawyer is needed, solicitors fees and problems with lawyers.

In another first, the handbook includes the Mabo Case in its chapter on Aborigines and the Law.

The law handbook is an excellent ready-reference and is a credit to the hundred practitioners and other volunteers who contributed, to the Darwin Community Legal Service, and to the editors, Libby Stewart and Jeremy McArdle.

Copies of the book are available from the DCLS.

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