

a crown prosecutor from the ranks of the Office of the Clerk of the Peace. His undoubted success in that position is in no small way contributed to the continuation of such appointments. Mark took silk in 1987 and was appointed a deputy senior crown prosecutor in 1990.

On 23 November, 2001 the Crown Prosecutors Chambers at Lismore was named the 'Mark Macadam Chambers' and were officially opened by the director of public prosecutions, Nicholas Cowdery QC.

By the time of Mark's retirement in 2002, he was then the longest serving crown prosecutor in NSW. His professional life (and a great deal of his personal life) was dedicated to travelling the state giving service to the courts and people of New South Wales. He prosecuted countless serious criminal trials and in excess of one hundred and fifty (150) murder trials.

From modest beginnings Mark rose to conspicuousness, prosecuting many of the state's infamous murderers. The list includes; Maiden and Petty, Bassett and Steele (the siege at the 'Hanging Rock' Homestead at Cangai), Katherine Knight (who was responsible for one of the states most gruesome murders) and Hyland, Parry, Yates and others (a home invasion and murder by a bikie gang on the Central Coast). Mark also appeared to oppose the application by Leonard Keith Lawson for a determination of a specified term in lieu of his life sentence. Lawson was serving sentences for the kidnap and sexual assault of five professional models and later holding hostage a number of schoolgirls (one of which he murdered) at Moss Vale. Lawsons application was refused.

Unfortunately Mark did not long enjoy his retirement, he suffered a severe stroke

that left him frustrated and to an extent immobilised. He later required surgery, however, suffered further strokes and passed away at Lismore Base Hospital on 24 August, 2007.

Mark was filled with goodwill towards others and was blessed with both a sharp intellect and sense of humour. He was always available as a mentor to others coming up through the ranks. The essence of Mark was in the high expectations he set of himself and others that all things be done to the appropriate and proper standard. He maintained a dignity and integrity to be envied. His perception of fairness and justice was a model for all.

Mark Macadam was a devoted husband and father and a good friend to many. I regard myself privileged to be amongst that number.

By Colin McPherson

David Officer QC (1946 – 2007)



David Officer was the son of Forbes Officer QC and Suzanne.

Forbes Officer QC was a hard working leader of the New South Wales Bar. He raised his son in Turramurra. He educated him at Knox Grammar School, Sydney University and St Andrew's College. He set his son a fine example and gave him as good a start as any. One thing is certain, David made the very most of this opportunity.

He commenced his work in the law at Sly

and Russell. He then worked in London for some little time.

He came to the Bar in 1972 and read with RV Gyles (as he then was) and took a room on Tenth Floor Selborne Chambers (then not combined with Wentworth). He practised from that floor until October 2006 when his final illness dictated he cease.

He had a practice of great breadth and depth. He was equally at home in the High Court as he was before magistrates, and he did not disdain the Local Court.

He did common law cases. He had a significant practice in the Land and Environment Court. He did many Family Provision Act cases. He was the protective commissioner's senior counsel of choice. The work of helping unfortunate people in the care of that office was a source of great satisfaction to him.

In recent times he did cases and gave much advice on the Gaming Machines Act and the liquor licensing legislation.

He appeared for the Forestry Commission in the Terania Creek Enquiry which went

for years. He appeared in the Seaview Inquiry into the fatal crash of an aircraft on the way to Lord Howe Island. The Hyland Estate litigation lasted for ten years. David appeared for the testator's illegitimate son on legal aid. He appeared in the *Wentworth v Rogers* litigation.

He was a member of the Legal Services Division of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal. No member of the profession could have had a fairer judge than him. He also determined the correctness of the local government behaviour of elected councillors.

He had a powerful intellect which he used to its optimum. He was, disconcertingly to some people, forthright in his honesty. He was an economical advocate. No judge was troubled by repetition from him. No 'loose' witness or submission missed his withering attack. He had great judgement, yet, like his father he did not wish for judicial appointment.

He not only did his job with consummate skill but in the process earned the enduring

respect of the tribunals before whom he appeared, his juniors, his instructing solicitors and, most significantly, his clients.

He was a barrister's barrister in that he was conventional and he was conservative in the best sense of that word. He was discreet to the point of apparent disappearance. He

had no thought for the catchy headline or self-promotion.

Like all men of his goodness, his ultimate thoughts were for his family.

He married Gina in 1968 and had three sons, Simon, Mark and Timothy. In 1987 he married Di. Her children, Simon and Louise,

became part of the extended Officer family. His grandsons were his pride and joy.

We are all poorer for the loss of a man who so badly wanted to continue doing what he did so well.

By Stephen Austin SC

Justice Terry Connolly (1958-2007)



On the 25th September 2007 my dear friend Terry 'Tezza' Connolly died from sudden cardiac arrest while cycling on Red Hill in Canberra. Next Valentine's Day would have been his 50th birthday. 'Tezza' was Mr Justice Terry Connolly of the Supreme Court of the ACT.

Although we had little recent contact, Terry was a faithful friend. He was a man of great integrity, reliable, highly intelligent and generous. Our friendship commenced 30 years ago at the University of Adelaide Law School.

Terry grew up in Adelaide. His father, Pat, who passed away in 1990, was a bricklayer and ebullient grass-roots Labor Party campaigner. Terry matriculated at Woodville High School, he obtained a very high score in the competitive state exams and decided to pursue a career in the law. At Law School Terry achieved early prominence winning best orator in the Jessup International Law Moot held in Washington DC. He was

president of the Australia and New Zealand Law Students Association. In 1979 Terry also became national president of Young Labor. Two years later he graduated with honours in Law and Arts. In 1982 he was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of South Australia. He achieved further academic cachet obtaining a masters degree in public law from the Australian National University.

His first job was associate to Mr Justice John Gallop, a first class criminal trial judge and cricket aficionado. His honour was then a judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory. Terry eventually moved on to work in the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department in Canberra. It was in Canberra that he met and subsequently married Helen Watchirs. She is now Dr Watchirs, the highly regarded Human Rights and Discrimination Commissioner for the ACT. Helen and Terry became parents of two delightful daughters, Lara and Maddy.

Terry embraced ACT politics becoming Attorney -General. He also held portfolios of health, community services, housing and urban services. He was admired and respected by his political opponents. He had that special quality of being able to negotiate diametrically opposed views of

political life. In 1995 he introduced a Human Rights Bill in the Australian Capital Territory Assembly which was eventually instrumental to the enactment of the ACT Human Rights Act in 2004.

At the age of 38 he was appointed master of the Supreme Court of the ACT and then, at 45, a justice of the court. There were some devoid of perspicacity who thought his appointment to the Supreme Court unorthodox as Terry had never been in private practise. However, his formidable intellect enabled him to grow rapidly in the job and become a pre-eminent judicial officer much admired by his brother judges and the ACT Bar. He was never tardy with judicial pronouncements mindful always that justice delayed for litigants in hot contest before him was justice denied.

Terry loved good food, wine, stimulating social intercourse and the role of paterfamilias. Episodically we spent many armchair hours solving the world's problems, assisted by more than enough bottles of claret. Terry also loved animals, especially cats. I fondly recall an amusing occasion concerning an automatic cat feeder he purchased in a pet shop. This device was called 'Step and Dine'. Essentially a large plastic cylindrical dry food reservoir, it worked by the cat sitting on a

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