

## Carolyn Davenport SC

Photo by Mark Tedeschi QC



Former crown prosecutor, now at the private bar, Carolyn Davenport SC, was photographed by Mark Tedeschi QC in the laneway between Darlinghurst Court and the old Darlinghurst Gaol (now the National Art School), up against The Wall.

Carolyn Davenport was called to the bar in 1977 and began practising in criminal and family law at Wardell Chambers. In 1985 she was appointed as a crown prosecutor.

In 1991-1992 Ms Davenport was on secondment as general counsel with the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

In 2001 she left the ranks of the crown prosecutors and joined Samuel Griffith Chambers. In 2004 Ms Davenport was appointed senior counsel.

## A tribute to Tony Parker

In August 2008 the *Northern Daily Leader* reported on a ceremony to dedicate a lectern in memory of Tony Parker. The following is an edited version of the story by Simon Chamberlain

A man who dedicated his legal career to assisting the underprivileged and down-and-out was remembered in a simple but moving ceremony with the presentation of a lectern in Tamworth Court. Peter Hamill SC made the presentation to the court to honour the memory of Tony Parker, who succumbed to cancer in May, 2006.

He said Mr Parker began his Tamworth court career in 1996, practising until 2005, and stood in 50 criminal trials. He described Mr Parker's career as being distinguished and the man as being a great teacher and mentor. Mr Parker graduated as a solicitor from Sydney University in 1970 and worked in private practice from 1971 until 1974 before joining the Aboriginal Legal Service in 1975 at Grafton. Mr Parker was the founder and longest serving principal solicitor of the Western Aboriginal Legal Service. He tirelessly represented Aboriginal people in city and country areas throughout his career and established procedures to ensure high quality representation for Aboriginal clients. He also worked for the Legal Aid Commission for a number of years and represented many Aboriginal clients as a private solicitor.

'It's difficult to imagine the sacrifice the solicitors for the service undertook,' Mr Hamill said.

'Sometimes these solicitors worked without pay, travelled untold

miles through the west and often stayed with their clients to save money. They worked with courage and compassion.'

Hamill said Mr Parker moved to Adelaide where he played an important role in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.



His Honour Judge Chris Geraghty, Rae Parker, Legal Aid NSW and Peter Hamill SC at the lectern dedicated to Tony Parker. Picture: *Northern Daily Leader*.