

## The Hon Justice Geoff Lindsay

Justice Lindsay grew up in Bankstown, went to Bankstown Boys High School and is a proud Bankstown boy – he had a ceramic bulldog on his chambers desk.

He studied economics/law at ANU and graduated with honours, with a prize in income tax revenue law.

In 1977, Lindsay J started at Freehills and shortly after was called to the NSW Bar. He started on 13 Selborne, and after 3 years moved to 8 Wentworth at the invitation of Peter Young QC. He specialized in equity, commercial and administrative law. He was involved in a number of professional conduct matters, appearing for the Law Society and the Bar Association, often led by Rob Stitt QC. In 1994 he took silk.

Justice Lindsay had a complex technique for highlighting submissions and briefs which led to a nickname 'Rainbow Warrior'. His chambers was crammed full of files, folders, texts, and many many books including legal history books



He had an early interest in law reporting, editorial work and legal publishing, and he has strong views on the vital importance of law reporting to the development of Australian law. His first experience of law reporting and editorial work was as the case note editor on the ANU's *Federal Law Review*. As a young barrister, he cold-called

Peter Young asking how he could become involved in law reporting. He is the chairman of Council of Law Reporting.

Lindsay J also has a passion for legal history. He is a member of the NSW Bar Association Legal History Committee. In 2002, he helped establish Francis Forbes Society for Australian Legal History. He is the prolific author of many of its papers, and is the society's secretary. He was also the co-editor of NSW Bar Association Centenary Essays *No Mere Mouthpiece*, and initiated the Australian Legal History Essays Competition

His Honour has a long association with NSW Bar Association Council. He was Bar Association's nominee to the Uniform Rules Committee and Supreme Court Rules Committee as well as the nominee to the NSW Legal Aid Commission and Public Interest Clearing House.