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## *William Wallis Caldwell QC*

At the age of 46 Bill was killed in a plane accident on 11 June 1993. An attendance of over 500 friends at a memorial at St Andrew's College (where Bill had been senior student) was one indication of the respect and affection in which he was held in the legal profession.

Bill's education was at Young, Scot's College Sydney, Sydney University and London University. He did articles at Hunt & Hunt before practising as a solicitor with his father Jock in Young, and later at Sly & Russell.

Called to the Bar in 1975, Bill practised widely in the area of commercial law and equity. He was one of the leaders of the maritime bar. His advocacy style was one of quiet, confident persuasiveness backed by a command of legal principle. After taking silk in 1986 his appellate practice grew.



Bill married Hilary Mills in October 1981. They have four daughters: the twins, Helen and Elizabeth born in 1984, Meredith born in 1988 and Rosemary born in 1989. Bill was devoted to his family and particularly enjoyed camping and teaching the girls to ride. He was particularly attached to the Young district, where he was born and where he died. In his younger days Bill had been an enthusiastic rugby player and an accomplished rower. Latterly he acquired a passion for mountain climbing which saw him trekking in South America, New Zealand and Switzerland. A love of sailing and theatre also marked this finely accomplished man.

Bill's engaging disposition gathered and bonded a wide circle of friends at the Bar and beyond. His sudden passing is a sad loss. □

Keith Mason QC

## *Judge Donald John McCredie*

Judge Donald John McCredie died tragically as the result of an accident when the light aircraft in which he was a passenger crashed in Florida USA on 21 July 1993.

He was born on 11 June 1937 and was educated at S.C.E.G.S. North Sydney and the University of Sydney. At Shore he developed a love of sport and his proficiency was awarded with colours in cricket and tennis. He enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine in 1955 and entered St Pauls College.

After finding that medicine was not his vocation he turned to law and graduated with the degree of LLB. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1962 after serving articles with the firm of Conway Maccallum & Co.

Donald represented Sydney University in both squash and tennis at the first level. He was a member of the Badge tennis team and was awarded a Blue for squash.

Before being admitted to the Bar on 26 July 1968 he became a partner in C R Potts & Co Solicitors.

No brief was so modest that it did not receive his utmost attention and he had a high regard for the traditional ethical obligations and responsibilities of a barrister.

In later years, having shown an early propensity to perform at school, he became an active member of the Sydney Philharmonic Choir.

He continued to play cricket and squash on a regular basis until recently and was still playing a mean game of tennis right up to the time of his death.



A deep love of travel led to the commencement of flying lessons in the last twelve months.

During his time as a member of the bench of the District Court, Judge McCredie proved to be careful, conscientious, hard working and dedicated to his work.

He was interested in taking part in any of the programs aimed towards improvement of the court system. In this respect he participated in the individual judge list system for civil cases and the first sentence indication hearing scheme in Parramatta at the beginning of 1993.

He was fastidious by habit, punctual in performance and deferential and courteous in his behaviour yet he was convivial by nature and enjoyed nothing more than to fraternise with his wide circle of friends. His loyalty to his friends and fellow practitioners and the high regard in which they held him was demonstrated by the large numbers in attendance at the funeral service held in St James Church on 30 July 1993.

He had a close relationship with each of his three children and he was extremely proud of their achievements.

David is employed as a solicitor after graduating with a BA (Hons) and LLB while Fiona holds the degree of Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Hons) and Anna is a Bachelor of Economics.

The untimely passing of Donald McCredie will be profoundly regretted. □