

Robert Francis Greenwood Q.C.

1941 - 2001

Bob Greenwood Q.C. is known to a wider world as the former head of the Australian Special Investigations Unit set up to investigate allegations of war crimes against persons in Australia.

He had, prior to taking up that challenging role, been a member of the National Crime Authority and Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions for the Commonwealth of Australia in the Australian Capital Territory.

Bob was a skilled criminal trial defence advocate who had achieved notable successes at trial and on appeal, including in the High Court. In his earlier career he had practiced particularly in the north of Queensland. He had taken up practise in New South Wales following his resignation from the Special Investigation Unit.

He died on Tuesday 23 October 2001, following a farewell function organised by his family and friends, which he was able to attend at Centennial Park on Sunday 21 October 2001, his 60th birthday.

He leaves his family, Janet, Anne, Bill, John, Sally, Michael and Harry with the fondest of memories of him.

At his memorial service at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Monday 29 October 2001, his children spoke of their affection for a father for whom they had the highest regard.

Justice Mary Gaudron of the High Court described him as a man dedicated to the law, unswerving in his belief that all are answerable to the law and entitled to the law's protection. He was a man, she said, who lived his beliefs. She described him as single-minded, fearless and sometimes slightly Fenian, generous, irreverent, irrepressible.

Mark Aarons, author, described the diligence and skill with which Bob had performed his function as head of the Special Investigation Unit obtaining the co-operation of the Soviet authorities in providing assistance including the provision of witnesses to the Australian prosecutions in consequence of the Unit's investigations.

Those that knew him admired the man and respected the lawyer. His friends who were many will miss him very deeply.

The Hon Justice J R F Lehane

1941 - 2001

By *The Hon. Justice R P Meagher*

Justice John Robert Felix Lehane, who has died aged 59, will be an enormous loss to the legal profession. He was an immense success as a judge, both with his colleagues and with the Bar, and should have been appointed to the High Court of Australia.

Lehane was a lecturer in equity at the law school of the University of Sydney and published many articles and studies on various aspects of equity and commercial law, particularly in the area of banking, in which he had formidable expertise. He was, with R P Meagher and W M C Gummow, an author of *Equity: Doctrines and Remedies*, the leading Australian textbook in that field. Anyone who reads the chapters in that book dealing with equitable assignments, or receivers, will at once appreciate his unique combination of profound learning, precise thinking and verbal elegance.

Lehane was born in Sydney to Felix Lehane and his wife Jessie (nee Vickers), whose sister is Lady Windeyer, Sir Victor's widow.

He was educated at Sydney Grammar School and at the University of Sydney, from which he graduated BA with first class honours in Latin (1964), LLB with first class honours and the University Medal (1969) and LLM with first class honours (1980). As an undergraduate, he was a member of St Paul's College at the university.

Lehane served articles of clerkship from 1966 with the late A P Henschman, then a partner of Allen Allen & Hemsley, solicitors, of Sydney and was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW in 1969.

He worked with the firm as an employed solicitor until 1971, in which year he became a member of the firm.

He remained a partner until his appointment to the Bench. From 1990 to 1993 he was the firm's managing partner and from 1994 until October 1995 its chairman of partners. On 3 October 1995 he was appointed as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia.

Lehane served on the council of St Paul's College since 1977 and had been its chairman since 1992. He was also a member of the council of Pymble Ladies College since 1990.

In 1971 Lehane married Dr Rosalind Day and they had two daughters and two sons. He was a devout Anglican. His recreational interests included tennis,

theatre and music.

He was always courteous, quiet, calm and precise, with a mischievous sense of humour. He was very well read. He was generous. And he was modest, although he had nothing to be modest about. With good reason, he was enormously popular.

His death, after a year's battle with malignant cerebral tumours, will make us all feel deprived.

Paul Donohoe Q.C.

1944 - 2001

By *Alan Sullivan Q.C.*

Paul Donohoe Q.C. passed away on Friday 2 November 2001 completely unexpectedly. He was 57 years of age and at the height of his powers. His death shocked and shook his family, friends and colleagues especially, of course, his beloved wife Louise and his adored children, Phoebe, Justine, Jeremy, Simon and Andrew. There could be no more eloquent testimony to the great affection, respect and regard with which he was held by his family, friends and colleagues than the huge turn out for his funeral on an appropriately bleak Wednesday, 7 November 2001.

Almost 1,000 people packed St Mary's Cathedral for the beautiful and moving service. One senior barrister observed that there couldn't be much business going on in the Supreme Court or the Federal Court that morning because, it seemed, most of the judges of those courts were in attendance as were judges from the High Court of Australia and many other courts as well as a countless number of Paul's colleagues and friends from the Bar and from the solicitors' branch of our profession.

Paul was the youngest of the five children of Frank and Eileen Donohoe who lived in Martin Road, Centennial Park. Frank Donohoe was a well known and highly regarded Sydney solicitor. Paul attended Waverley College where he was a competent and diligent student. Although he played a bit of tennis, Paul's sporting passion was surfing. He retained a love of the surf for the whole of his life. One passion which Paul didn't retain for the whole of his life was his love of budgerigars. It may surprise some to know that in his adolescent years Paul was a breeder of budgerigars. The problem was that the family also had cats. They too liked the budgerigars but for reasons different to those of Paul. An abiding memory Paul's eldest brother, Frank, has of Paul as an adolescent is of him sitting at the back of the