

## Robert Anthony Campbell (1951-2006)

By Izaz Khan

**Robert Anthony Campbell of the Thirteenth Floor Selborne Chambers died suddenly from a heart attack on the night of 26 May 2006 at his home.**

Robert was 55 years old and had been at the Bar and in the chambers on the thirteenth floor since 1982. Although he specialised in defamation law, he was also an equity commercial barrister. Over the last few years, he had also acted as an arbitrator in the District Court resolving mainly personal injury cases.

I knew Robert well. He was a great guy with an easy manner and an ability to get along with everyone around him. I remember that not long after he came on the floor, he made a big splash with his presence when he bought an expensive, large antique desk set, which, to the rest of us new barristers seemed to

cost a fortune. A bit later on he hung expensive, large paintings on one of the walls of his chambers.

Robert was a very good lawyer who was equally at ease with the most complex of legal issues to the most mundane and annoying little problems of procedure.

He was very well-travelled. He used to enthral me with his many detailed descriptions and stories about various places he had been to both in Europe and in Africa.

I have met very few people who are as well read as Robert, both in law and in general. Whenever I wanted to discuss law or history, I would have a chat with him. There were not many areas of the law in which Robert could not hold his own in a discussion. But for me, it was his knowledge of history, especially ancient history, that fascinated me the most. Robert could go into detailed descriptions of topics relating to any one of the ancient civilizations with ease.

Robert's reading was not restricted to history. He was also a keen reader of

fiction and specialised in the works of prize winners. He liked to read the current and past works of authors who had won the Pulitzer, Booker or Miles Franklin prizes. He must have spent hours making a list of such books and gave me a copy for reference.

Robert was an accomplished aesthete of classical music and movies. He had a huge collection of CDs and DVDs on a tall stand in his chambers.

For many years, one thing I had in common with Robert was solving the Sydney Morning Herald Quick Crossword each weekday morning. He usually solved them all except perhaps the few which related to technological matters and took great pride in beating the man who set the puzzle.

Robert was a good friend and an excellent sounding board for me on questions of law and history. His death was a shock to all who knew him and we shall miss him very much.

## Rodney Brian McCloghry (1951-2006)

By Arthur Moses

Rod McCloghry was a hard working member of the Bar whose busy 1990s common law practice had slowed in recent times due to legislative changes. Sadly, he passed away on 5 March 2006. Rod was known for his larrikin style both in and out of the courtroom. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, friends and colleagues. He leaves behind his loving wife Susan, children Ben, Mathew and Kim and step children Hayden and Liam.

Rod came to the Bar in late 1989 following successful practice as a solicitor. He was educated at Marist Brothers, Parramatta (an old school of a few members of his former chambers) and completed a degree in arts/law at the University of Sydney between 1969 and 1974.

Rod was admitted as a solicitor in 1975 and worked in private practice in that time in various capacities, including as a

sole practitioner until coming to the Bar in late 1989. Rod was also appointed a District Court arbitrator.

Rod's death was sudden and unexpected. He will be missed greatly by his friends and colleagues at Frederick Jordon Chambers.