



This has been an exquisitely successful aspect of your judicial life.

Your strength and resilience have been called upon in recent times and true to form you are demonstrating that you can get through the work and the tough times.

There are a couple of other aspects of your personality upon which I would like to touch if I may – that is your well known attributes of calmness and unflappable disposition and your unfailing courteousness. These have stood you in such good stead during your judicial life. It is interesting that the former Commonwealth solicitor general (when president of the Bar Association and preparing to speak on behalf of the bar at your swearing in) decided to research these aspects of your personality. He was able to trace the source of these attributes to events in South Africa when you were a young lad. He concluded that these aspects of your

personality developed by reason of the fact that you were a young golfer.

Regrettably you abandoned the game at the age of 15 but happily I understand that you have now resumed your golfing career.

Clifford we both know that when you step onto a golf course to enjoy that magnificent game, one's spirit becomes free. Like here – it is there that you can maintain your independence whilst being part of a team.

On behalf of those with whom you have served the court and the community so well we congratulate you on such a fine judicial career and thank you for your wonderful service. We wish you every happiness for the future.

To Clifford Einstein.

The Hon Justice Stephen Campbell

Stephen Campbell SC was sworn in as a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales on 2 May 2012. Attorney General Greg Smith SC spoke on behalf of the New South Wales Bar, while Ms Ros Everett, junior vice-president of the Law Society, spoke on behalf of the solicitors of New South Wales.

The Hon Justice Stephen Campbell was born in Glasgow in 1957, the son of a plumber working in the shipyards on Clyde-Bank. Seeking a better life for their children, the Campbell family migrated to Australia in 1966, and after brief stays in Adelaide and Brisbane, settled in Sydney's Sutherland Shire.

His Honour attended Kirrawee High School, which he described as 'a fine government school, staffed by dedicated teachers'. His Honour served as school captain and around that time developed an ambition to be a barrister.

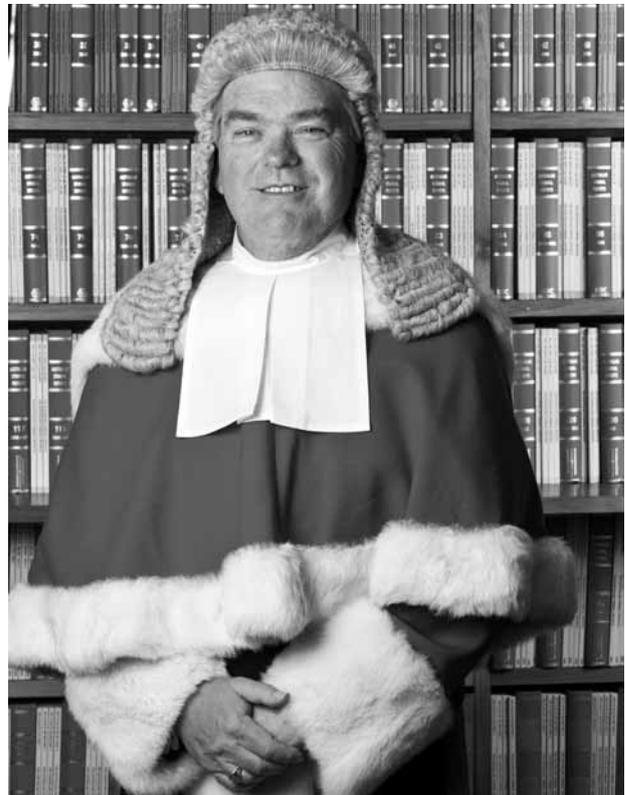
His Honour's legal career began when he answered a *Sydney Morning Herald* advertisement for a legal clerk at Messrs Francis White Barnes & McGuire. There, he gained his first experience in workers' compensation claims, as well as common law claims for personal injury. His Honour then worked, briefly, as a solicitor advocate for the State Rail Authority of New South Wales before moving to the firm of Curwood & Derkenne.

Justice Campbell was called to the New South Wales Bar in 1985 and read with Larry King, of whom his Honour spoke fondly during his speech-in-reply:

I was not very happy doing solicitor's work and I came to the bar ... I need to say that I read with Larry King (now SC) and Larry is not only a wonderful advocate, a good lawyer and the very best of blokes but he is also the epitome of everything a pupil master should be. It is no wonder he had a legion of readers, many of whom have taken silk. It is always one of my proudest boasts that I was the first of Larry's readers. He was generous to a fault; he was the only Senior Junior during those early days for whom I was inveigled to do some devilling work who insisted on paying for it on 'the noggin'. This was, as you can imagine, a great help during those early months of exceedingly insipid cash flow.

His Honour took a room in Wardell Chambers and built up a practice based on liability work, including industrial and motor accidents, occupier's liability, double-insurance cases and policy wording interpretation. His Honour took silk in 2002.

The attorney general described it as 'quite fitting'



that Justice Campbell will serve in the Common Law Division. He added:

You have also maintained a strong interest in workers' compensation matters through your appellate practice. You have appeared frequently in the District Court, Supreme Court and in the New South Wales Court of Appeal. You have also appeared before the High Court on occasion, most recently in *Zheng v Cai* and *Adeels Palace v Moubarak*. And he appeared as counsel assisting the ICAC in Operation JAREK, one of the largest and most complex investigations in the commission's history.

Similarly, Ms Ros Everett, junior vice-president of the Law Society, emphasised the tremendous work his Honour had done on behalf of injured litigants in need of compensation:

From personal injury cases in the Supreme Court such as representing a former erotic dancer for complications arising from breast enlargement surgery to counsel assisting the ICAC inquiry into Hunter Council kickbacks, your Honour has also gone public on the need to overhaul the greenslip compulsory insurance scheme to divert large profits from insurers to fund compensation for people injured in road accidents.