

FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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Statement from the Family Court of Australia On the passing of The Honourable Dr Rodney Purvis AM QC

It is with sadness to inform the profession that former Judge of the Family Court of Australia, the Hon Rodney Purvis AM QC, passed away on Tuesday, aged 91.

The former Judge was appointed to the Parramatta Registry in 1985 and following 13 years of distinguished service, retired in 1998.

In addition to his work with the Family Court, his Honour was Deputy President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and held senior positions in many organisations including as Chairman of the Trade Practices Committee of the Law Council of Australia for 12 years from 1978.

He also served in a formidable variety of other capacities as a member, chairman or president of various committees and organisations associated with accounting, law and criminology. This included the role of President of the Australian branch of the International Law Association. He was also involved with many charitable organisations.

Awarded Queen's Birthday honours (AM) acknowledged his service to the law and to the judiciary, particularly through the promotion of international law, and to the community through a range of charitable and religious organisations. A published author, the Hon. Rodney Purvis researched the topic of the place of morality, religion and spirituality in law and the corporate world.

We extend our deepest condolences to his wife, Marian, and children Anita, Debbie, David and Andrew.

The funeral is scheduled for Friday, 4 June 2021. Further details are available from Funeral Directors – Albert and Meyer.

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