



HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

The Honourable Sir Gerard Francis Brennan AC KBE QC, who died on 2 June 2022, served as a Justice of the High Court of Australia from 1981 to 1995 and as the 10th Chief Justice from 1995 to 1998. Sir Gerard was born in 1928, graduated from the University of Queensland and was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1951. He was appointed as a Queen's Counsel in 1965, later being appointed QC in New South Wales, the Northern Territory, Papua New Guinea and Fiji. He was President of the Australian Bar Association from 1975 to 1976. In 1976, Sir Gerard was appointed as the inaugural President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Chairman of the Administrative Review Council. He was a part-time member of the Australian Law Reform Commission between 1975 and 1977. He was appointed to the Federal Court in 1977 and to the High Court in 1981.

Sir Gerard's contribution to the jurisprudence of the Court, and to the legal system more generally, was profound. He was a model of judicial restraint. He was a man of deep humanity and was held in great esteem and affection by those who had the fortune to sit with him.

The Justices of the Court extend their sympathies to Sir Gerard's family. A ceremonial sitting of the Court to honour him will be held in the August sittings of the Court.