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PRESS RELEASE

Re: James Merralls AM QC

The Chief Justice and Justices of the High Court wish to express their sadness on the death of James Merralls AM QC, a senior member of the Victorian Bar.

Mr Merralls was the editor of the Commonwealth Law Reports, the authorised reports of decisions of the High Court of Australia, for 47 years commencing in 1969. His unsurpassed period as editor was one of great public service to the Court, the profession and to the administration of justice in Australia. The high standard of his work as editor has been publicly acknowledged by two former Chief Justices of the Court, Sir Anthony Mason and Chief Justice Murray Gleeson. Mr Merralls, who served as an associate to another Chief Justice of this Court Sir Owen Dixon, rose to become a leading member of the Victorian Bar with a national reputation. He will be greatly missed.

The Court extends its deepest sympathy to his widow and children on their loss.