



HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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Press Release

John Leslie Toohey AC

John Leslie Toohey AC, who died in Perth on 9 April 2015 served as a Justice of the High Court of Australia from February 1987 until February 1998. He was a graduate in Arts and Law from the University of Western Australia. He was admitted to practice in 1952 in Western Australia and appointed a Queens Counsel in 1968. Prior to his appointment to the High Court he had served as a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia from April 1977 when he was also appointed as the first Aboriginal Land Commissioner for the Northern Territory and as a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory. Both in this Court and in his earlier work he made deep and enduring contributions to the law in Australia.

He is remembered with deep affection and respect by his former colleagues on the Bench and by all who knew him. The Justices of the Court extend their sympathies to his widow, Loma and to their family.