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Vale Justice Richard Tracey AM RFD QC, ‘a man of the highest integrity’

The Law Council of Australia has recognised the outstanding and enduring contribution of former Federal Court judge, Justice Richard Tracey QC, whose death is being mourned by the legal community.

Justice Tracey, who was chair of the aged care royal commission, served as a Federal Court judge from 2006 to 2018 and was President of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) appeal tribunal from 2009 to 2018.

He was judge advocate general of the ADF from 2007 to 2014 and served as a member of the ADF from 1975 to 2014. As a Captain, Justice Tracey was the youngest and most junior ranked judge advocate. He went on to attain the rank of Major General.

Law Council President, Arthur Moses SC, described Justice Tracey as “a man of the highest integrity”.

“On behalf of the Law Council I recognise and honour the important and enduring legacy of Justice Tracey to Australia’s legal community,” Mr Moses SC said.

“I note Justice Tracey’s particular contribution to military law and military justice, as a member of the ADF and important roles in the military justice system.

“I appeared before Justice Tracey numerous times in both the Federal Court and military tribunals and admired his commitment to upholding the rule of law and commitment to the pursuit of justice.

“The Australian legal community sends our deepest condolences to Justice Tracey’s family and colleagues.”

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