

THE HON SHANE MARSHALL AM

The Supreme Court of Tasmania notes with deep sadness the passing of the Honourable Shane Marshall AM. Shane served as a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia and the Industrial Relations Court of Australia for more than 20 years before becoming an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court of Tasmania from January 2017. In our Court his Honour held both part-time and full-time roles until late 2025, a lengthy period of service of some nine years.

In 1995, Shane was the first graduate from Monash University to be appointed to a federal superior court. He was the then third youngest appointee to the Federal Court of Australia and the youngest to the Industrial Relations Court of Australia. From 2004 until 2013 he held office as a non-resident additional judge in the Australian Capital Territory. From 2017 to 2021 he was a judge of the Supreme Court of Nauru for refugee appeals. He was also a Deputy Chairperson of the Victorian Racing Tribunal from 2019 to 2024 and a member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal from October 2023 to August 2024.

In 2003 he was awarded a centenary medal for industrial relations, and in June 2020 was invested as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to industrial relations, the law, the judiciary and mental health.

Shane spoke out publicly about issues of mental health, particularly depression, and how they affect the legal profession and the judiciary. He was an inaugural director and ambassador for Wellbeing and the Law Foundation. His courage to identify and speak about those issues has been widely recognised and applauded.

He went to school at St Bedes College, Mentone, where he was dux of humanities in 1973. Shane will be remembered for the deep concern for people and their lives that he brought to the legal process and judicial office. Throughout his judicial career, Shane was known for his commitment to fairness, humanity and social justice. He leaves behind an important legacy of service to the law, the justice system and, in particular, to the Tasmanian community.

Shane and his wife, Lyn, were an important part of the fabric of this Court and its broader community for many years. His contribution in that regard is enduring. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Lyn, and Shane's daughters Kate and Amy.

Rest peacefully.