



BOURKE

Brian James, AM

The President and members of the Victorian Bar extend deepest sympathy to the family of Brian Bourke. At Brew & McGuinness, he had 5 years long-Articles; then 5 years as a Solicitor. He completed the balance of subjects for LL B (Melb). He practised at the Bar 57½ years – on retirement last October aged 88, the longest continuous full-time practising member. He was an author of Bourke's Liquor Laws 1962-99. As a young man, he was a gifted Debater, representing Victoria. He was a founder of the Latrobe Debating team at Pentridge, coaching them to A Grade Champions. He was the first Australian member of Amnesty International, recognised in the 25th Anniversary Celebrations. He was President of the South Melbourne Football Club; a Life Member of the VFL; and sat on the Tribunal and Appeals Board. His generosity in pro bono representations was prodigious. An inaugural Bar Legend in 1998, in October last year a new set of Criminal Law Chambers was named in his honour – an inspiration to present and future generations.