

### **Master David Clement Darold Harper OAM**

Master Harper served as Master of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory from 7 April 2003 until his retirement at the age of 70 on 21 May 2013. He was admitted as a solicitor in NSW in 1967. He has lived and practised in Canberra since 1970, and signed the ACT Roll of Barristers and Solicitors in that year. He practised as a partner in the firm of Abbott Tout from 1971 until 2002, when he joined Blackburn Chambers to practise as a barrister.

Master Harper was a member of the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board from 1981 and chairman from 1983 until 2009. He was President of the Law Society of the ACT from 1978 to 1980, and a member of the Legal Aid Commission (ACT) from 1980 to 1985, and again from 1988 to 2003. He is an honorary member and a former councillor of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration, and a former President of the ACT Council of Professions. He was a part-time Senior Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal from 2000 until 2003.

The Master represented the Court on the Law Admissions Consultative Committee, and served on the Joint Rules Advisory Committee. He was chairman of the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal from 2006 until 2009.

He was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 1999 for service to the legal profession.