



**SUPREME COURT
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
Stirling Gardens
Barrack Street
Perth WA 6000

20 October 2014

Statement by the Hon Wayne Martin AC, Chief Justice of Western Australia

**The Hon David Kingsley Malcolm AC QC
6 May 1938 – 20 October 2014**

Once in a generation, you get an individual of David Malcolm's calibre. The Western Australian community benefitted from his enormous intellect, deep knowledge of the law, and extraordinary work ethic. He was truly a leader, not only here in Western Australia but throughout the region in his role with Law Asia.

He brought innovation and fresh ideas to our Court, understanding the need to keep up with changes in technology to improve the Court's efficiency. He was also the first WA Chief Justice to understand the importance of informing the public about the Court's processes and interacted with a broad section of the community in performing that role.

David Malcolm served almost 18 years as our Chief Justice, from his appointment in May 1988 until his retirement in February 2006. He was known as a kind, patient and generous man, much respected by the other members of the judiciary.

We do owe him a great debt for his long and dedicated service to the Western Australian community.

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