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**TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE GRAHAM HILL**

Attorney-General Philip Ruddock today extended his deepest sympathy on behalf of the Australian Government to the family, friends and colleagues of Justice Graham Hill of the Federal Court of Australia in Sydney.

"I was deeply saddened by the news of his passing," Mr Ruddock said.

"He will be greatly missed by his colleagues and the wider legal community."

Justice Hill was appointed to the Federal Court in 1988. He was also a Presidential Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, a position he held since 1994.

Before being appointed to the Bench, Justice Hill practised extensively in the areas of taxation and administrative law, and also in commercial matters. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1984.

Justice Hill was published widely in the area of taxation law. He wrote textbooks in the areas of stamp and death duties and prepared many articles for legal journals on aspects of taxation law.

Justice Hill graduated from Sydney University in 1962 with a first class honours degree in law and won the University Medal. He then obtained a Master of Laws degree from Harvard.

"Justice Hill made a very fine contribution to the Federal Court and the development of the law in Australia. His death is a great loss," Mr Ruddock said.

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