

**Remarks of Chief Justice Deborah E. Fry  
On the passing of David Martin Q.C.  
A Retired Member of the Law Society  
Court of Appeal, Duckworth St., St. John's, NL**

**The Chief Justice of Newfoundland and Labrador:**

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize the passing of **David Martin Q.C.**, a retired senior member of the Bar who passed away on March 23, 2020 at the age of 79. Martin Q.C. was born on May 20, 1940.

David Martin grew up in Channel-Port aux Basques. In his youth, he was a Cadet and as part of the ROTC, spent many summers working at military bases across Canada. He graduated from Memorial University and became a high school teacher. While teaching at Bishop's College, he met and married fellow teacher, Anna Cameron. They moved to Corner Brook, where they both taught. Martin Q.C. aspired to go to law school and worked summers at the paper mill to finance his legal education at Dalhousie University. Martin Q.C. was called to the Bar on December 11, 1968 and entered on the Barrister's Roll as #287.

He spent most of his entire legal career with the law firm Martin, Whalen, Hennebury and Stamp, of which he was a founding partner. As a lawyer, with a busy insurance practice, he was noted for his mediation skills, bringing disputes to a resolution with his patient manner. One lawyer described him "as a master of the art of negotiation and settlement." He served as Treasurer of the Law Society. He was described as an outstanding lawyer, leading by his example of exemplary ethics and exemplary service. He was firm, but never unreasonable, in his advocacy as a lawyer representing members of the public. He was highly respected by his colleagues and revered by his clients. He was also described as a mentor to many young lawyers.

His friends and colleagues describe him as a storyteller, fisherman and guitar player. Friends recall with affection, the many adventures "up in the woods" with his beloved Martin guitar. Others, particularly the young lawyers at the firm, recall the red Toyota truck that he drove through most of the 1980s, parked at the firm with an aluminum boat tied to the top, always ready for a trip on the water.

David Martin was predeceased by his wife Anna, sister Jacqueline Whittle, brother Stuart, and parents George and Barbara. His daughters, Hilary and Jennifer (Bill Drover), grandsons Michael and Mark, brother Cabot (Deidre McLoughlin), as well as a large group of family and friends are left with many fine memories of a man who marched to the beat of his own drum.

On behalf of my colleagues at the Court of Appeal, I wish to extend our sincere condolences to the family on their loss of David Martin Q.C. The Bench and the Bar will miss him.