

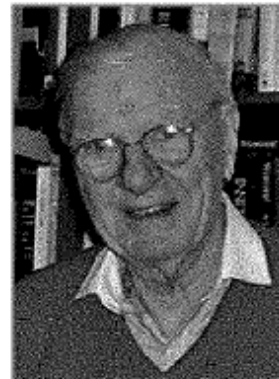
until he was 80, and enjoyed many pleasurable days at his cabin at Monroe Lake near Cranbrook. He was a creditable cook and generous host. He lived a long and full life. Predeceased by his wife, Charlotte, he is survived by his sons Michael and Philip (Christie) and grandchildren David, Katarina, Sophia and Maya.

The Honourable Thomas Melnick



Cecil O.D. Branson, Q.C.

Cecil (Cec) Branson died on October 22, 2015 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by his devoted wife June, son Dennis, daughter Leslie, three grandsons, one granddaughter and two great grandchildren. Cecil was one of B.C.'s leading counsel. More than that he was a serious student of the law as well as an avid tennis player.



Born and raised in Victoria, Cecil graduated from St. Michael's University School. He proved to be an able student, an excellent athlete, and was B.C. Junior Boys Tennis Champion. While at Victoria College (later UVic) he coached the girls' grass hockey team, started the Student Liberal Club and served on the student council. He worked part time at W & J Wilson men's clothing and learned a great deal about quality clothing. These were the days when male students wore shirts and ties to classes. He did like clothes; June's mother always said he was "well turned out".

Graduating from Victoria College, Cec enrolled in the Faculty of Commerce at UBC. But he withdrew after completing his third year. He returned to work full-time in the clothing business. A good friend, Alec Robertson, persuaded Cecil to consider law school. Cec had to enrol in summer school in order to qualify for law school. At summer school he met June Willis, a young widow, who was his lab partner in Geography 101. They were married in August 1959.

Cec had law in his genes. His mother was Irish. His grandfather, Jonas Blackall, was an Irish solicitor, and his uncle, Sir Henry Blackall, had been

a colonial judge, serving in various postings, the last of which was as Chief Justice of Hong Kong. At law school, Cec had found his true calling. He graduated from UBC law school in 1962, standing fourth in his class (tied with Lance Finch).

Cec was called to the bar in 1963. He practised in Victoria, first with Sullivan, Smith & Bigelow, then with Jones, Branson Emery and Carfra. He was active in the Victoria Bar Association, serving as its president in 1976. The lure of the Vancouver legal scene took him to that city in 1977, where June and he took up residence in Shaughnessy and Cec joined Edwards Kenny and Bray as senior litigating partner. Cec was a legal scholar whose home library, devoted to the law, was extensive. In 1984 he was appointed a Q.C. As well, he lectured from time to time at the UBC law school, the UVic law school and Royal Roads. He was a life bencher of the Law Society.

Cec's interest in and knowledge of the developing field of arbitration led to a position as executive director of the B.C. International Commercial Arbitration Centre [*and his repeated contribution to the Advocate via "A View from the Centre" - Asst. Ed.*]. In 1995, Cec re-established himself in a cottage on the grounds of his Salt Spring residence. He then travelled widely arbitrating international commercial cases as well as over the Internet to settle domain name disputes and other issues relating to intellectual property.

Cec should have been a judge. But though judicial office never came his way, he achieved, after 1995, international prominence as an arbitrator. In that role he served on working committees for the United Nations Commission on International Trade ("UNCITRAL") and the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA"), both dealing with regulations relating to international trade law. His pioneering work in determining disputes on the Internet led him to travel to overseas conferences; he was often in London and Vienna.

As a talented athlete, Cec's busy life was balanced on another court. On the tennis court his competitive nature flourished. Cec was, for a number of years, a member of the Jericho Tennis Club and latterly of the Salt Spring Tennis Association, where June and he played often and made many friends. When Cec and June lived in Shaughnessy (before moving permanently to Salt Spring), Cec had his own tennis court, which displayed a sign saying, "The Supreme Court". (Marvin Storrow, another lawyer and rival at tennis, displayed a sign on his own Shaughnessy tennis court, "The Court of Appeal").

It was a tragedy that Cec, having found his own special niche in international arbitration, should have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Even though the disease was at a very early stage, Cecil at once realized that

he would have to give up his membership in the Law Society and his international role. He did not have to give up tennis at first, but that too followed. With June's care, and the company of his dog, he battled on until succumbing last year at 80. He will be missed.

Thomas R. Berger, O.C., Q.C.



David Hector Campbell

"A life spent loving ... is a life spent well."

David (Dave) Campbell passed away on December 28, 2015 at the age of 90. Known by many and loved by all, he was the right man in the right place at the right time in the annals of British Columbia's legal history.

A native Vancouverite, Dave attended David Lloyd George Elementary School, Point Grey and Magee secondary schools. While in high school, he played intercity lacrosse with the Richmond Farmers (predecessors of the Vancouver Burrards), winning the Rookie of the Year award in 1943. Following graduation, he served in the armed forces with the Royal Canadian Signal Corps based in Kingston, Ontario, then returned to attend UBC. He was a member of the UBC Thunderbird basketball team and eventually played on the Canadian basketball team at the London Olympics in 1948. (Along with his basketball teammates, he was inducted into the UBC Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.) His was the second class to graduate from the UBC faculty of law in 1949. In 1951 he married his beautiful high school sweetheart, Joan. He articulated with Dan McPhee and Graham Ladner and later joined Drew Pratt to form the partnership of Pratt and Campbell in 1960. By all accounts, it was a successful practice for the next 15 years.

At this point most men could rest on their laurels but the next chapter of Dave's life, his judicial chapter, demonstrated the remarkable talents of this humble man.

