

William James Wheelock (2/72) was born in Melbourne on 15 March 1948 and completed his secondary education at Melbourne High School. He attended Monash University and graduated as a Bachelor of Jurisprudence in 1968 and Bachelor of Laws in 1970. He was employed as a Solicitor by R. E. Kahn, Clahr & Garsa.



Kahns Lawyers began in 1940 when Dr Kahn was admitted to practice law in Victoria. He was later joined by Dr Clahr to form the partnership of Kahn & Clahr. In 1961 the firm was expanded with Alexander Garsa joining the partnership and the firm traded as Kahn, Clahr and Garsa. The firm later merged with the firm of Dizgalvis & Co. As an established law firm, Kahns has been located in the Melbourne CBD for over 70 years

and has continually focused on exceeding the expectations of its clients whilst delivering astute commercial advice through a modern and practical approach to legal practice.

‘Jim’ entered the Army as a National Serviceman at 2 RTB Puckapunyal on 19 April 1972 and commenced OTU with Class 2/72 on 5 May. He graduated on 5 October, was allocated to the Legal Corps and posted to HQ Southern Command as a Legal Officer. Jim discharged as soon as his NS ended.

Peter Lloyd (3/72) reported that Jim Wheelock (2/72) his OTU ‘Father’ after Nasho was a solicitor in Ballarat. He caught up with Jim, after their brief Army careers, when he saw him in a Ballarat restaurant. Peter and Jim formed a great relationship, mainly through dinners and trips that Peter and his wife Bernie made to the Coonawarra with his Jim and his wife Pip. Peter recalled that he and Bernie made their first wills with Jim Wheelock. Jim then moved to another Ballarat firm, Morrow and Morrow, Solicitors, as partner with Michael Morrow.

Jim and Pip had 2 children, Fiona and James, who was at Ballarat Grammar with Peter’s daughter. Pip was diagnosed with cancer. Jim was staying with Pip's family and had just heard her "all-clear" when he was found dead in bed in June 1988. A post-mortem simply found his heart had stopped inexplicably. Jim was cremated in the Ballarat Crematorium on 16 June 1988 and his ashes placed in the Rose Garden at the Crematorium. Michael Morrow married Pip in 1993 but, unfortunately her cancer returned, and she died in 1999. Her ashes are beside Jim's in Ballarat.