

## **Graydon S. Staring**

It is with a heavy heart AMC says goodbye to Graydon S. Staring. In 1967 Gray became officially connected with AMC as an Associate Editor, thus lending to the yellow journal his talents as a scholar, teacher, author and practitioner of admiralty law. When Editor Elliott Nixon died in 1993 Gray and Don Greenman teamed up to assume overall responsibility for editorial matters and chores.

From that time forward through 2008 there was never an issue cleared for printing until Gray had carefully read every word. His input involved the selection of which cases to print, the writing of the headnotes and developing squibs for the monthly covers, sometimes in verse.

He kept a constant eye on the list of principal topics, our copyrighted “skeleton” and engineered necessary timely updates. The proper publishing of “unpublished” opinions was a constant concern that included a skirmish with one state intermediate appellate court. Gray created the system we now use in the publication of unpublished opinions. He introduced the inclusion of old, historic cases which came down before the publication of AMC and are still being cited. He determined which ones to print and prepared the format for AMC reprints which are identified as [RETRO].

Far from being tied to old ways Gray had an ear out for the ever-changing ways of providing legal information. He advised and encouraged Rob Hopkins in undertaking the major task of putting AMC on a CD-ROM. The CD-ROM laid the groundwork for AMC’s online database.

Gray’s contributions abound in the printed word used by the admiralty bar. The AMC family has benefitted from a long-time association with this gentleman of keen intellect and a sense of humor.

Rest in peace dear friend.