

Thomas Bernard FOGARTY

Born in 1879 at North Melbourne, Thomas Fogarty was admitted to practice in 1908.

Difficulties in his legal career may have promoted him to enlist in July 1917. Newspaper reports, in May 1916, suggest that he was in financial difficulties, facing the prospect of being struck off the admission roll and unable to continue to practice as a solicitor. In July 1917, the Chief Justice suspended Fogarty from practice for six months while advising him that he just because he had enlisted he would not be 'let off' from the consequences of his actions.

Fogarty had a relatively successful career in the Army; he left Australia in July 1918 with the rank of senior sergeant, after enlisting as a private. He was allocated to the 7th Battalion, but stayed in London, attached to AIF headquarters and the AIF depots, upon his arrival in September 1918. He did not leave England before the war ended in November 1918. He returned to Australia in June 1919 and was discharged from the Army in August 1919.

Fogarty served his suspension from legal practice, whilst on active service with the AIF, so he returned to legal practice in 1919. Nonetheless, by early 1921, he was again in trouble with the Law Institute of Victoria and he was again suspended from legal practice, in late 1921.

In February 1922, he took his own life by drowning off the St Kilda pier.

