

New judges




Judge Philip Boruchowitz

retary of the Bar council in 1995. She was an oral examiner in criminal procedure for the National Bar Examination Board. She was appointed senior counsel in October 1995.

Judge Borchers obtained the BA (*cum*


PHILLIP Boruchowitz has been appointed as a judge of the Transvaal Provincial Division from 1 September 1996. He was born in Johannesburg and matriculated at the King David High School, Johannesburg, in 1967. He obtained the BComm (1971) and LLB (1974) degrees at the University of the Witwatersrand and was admitted as an advocate in May 1976. He practised at

laude) (1981) and BA (Hons) (*cum laude*) (1985) in ancient history at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Her hobby is reading. She is divorced and the mother of two teenage daughters. 

the Johannesburg Bar from September 1976 to July 1996 and took silk in September 1994. He was also admitted as an advocate of the High Court of Namibia in June 1994.

Judge Boruchowitz is keenly interested in the theatrical arts and is a collector of magic books and accountrements.

He is married to Yvonne Boruchowitz and they have two sons. 

Eastern Cape Provincial Division




Judge Russel Madlanga

MBUYISELI Russel Madlanga has been appointed as a judge of the Eastern Cape Provincial Division from 1 September 1996. He was born in Njijni, Mount Frere, and matriculated at Mariazell High School in 1978. He obtained the degrees of BJuris (1984) at the University of Transkei, LLB (1987) at Rhodes University and LLM (*cum laude*) (1990) at Notre Dame University in the USA.

While studying on a Transkei Department of Justice bursary he worked as an interpreter during holidays in 1981 and 1982. He also served brief stints as prosecutor and magistrate and on completion of his LLB degree he worked as

a magistrate for the whole of 1987. He was awarded the Bradlow Notre Dame Human Rights Law Scholarship and after completion of his LLM degree at the University of Notre Dame was engaged as a fellow at the African desk of the Washington DC office of Amnesty International.

On his return to South Africa he served his pupillage in Johannesburg in 1991 and joined the Transkei Bar in July 1991. He was a member of the Transkei Bar Council and honorary secretary for the 1992/1993 term.

Judge Madlanga used to be a karateka and advanced to 1st kyu brown belt. He is married to Nomaswazi Madlanga. 




Judge Yasmin Meer

YASMIN Shennaz Meer has been appointed as judge of the Land Claims Court from 1 November 1996. She was born in Durban and matriculated at the Durban Indian Girls' High School in 1972. She obtained the degrees BA (1975) at the University of Durban Westville, LLB (1978) at the University of Cape Town and LLM (1981) at the University of Warwick.

She was admitted as an attorney in

1983 and since that date practised as an attorney with the Legal Resources Centre, specializing in public interest litigation. She was appointed deputy national director and in 1995 national director of the Legal Resources Centre.

Judge Meer's interests are reading, swimming and theatre.

She is married to Advocate LJ Krige of the Cape Bar and they have three children. 

Land Claims Court