

Natal Provincial Division

PHILIP Maurice Meskin SC has been appointed as a judge of the Natal Provincial Division from 1 August 1996. He was born in Johannesburg and matriculated at Parktown Boys' High School in 1951. He obtained the degrees of BA (1954) and LLB (1957) from the University of the Witwatersrand and joined the Durban Bar in March 1958. He was appointed senior counsel in August 1976. He has been in continuous practice as an advocate since 1958, apart from a short period in 1981 when he was articled to an attorney. When he returned to practise as an advocate in the same year, he returned as a junior counsel. The ruling of the Bar Council was that by becoming an attorney he had lost his status as senior counsel. He was again appointed senior counsel in January 1989.

VIVIENNE Niles-Dunér SC has been appointed as a judge of the Natal Provincial Division with effect from 1 August 1996. She was born in Johannesburg and matriculated at Waverley Girls' High School, Johannesburg. After working as an articled clerk in Johannesburg from 1969 to 1971, she relocated to Durban in 1972, working as an articled clerk and continuing her law studies part-time. She obtained the degrees of BProc (1973) and LLB (1975) at the University of Natal and was a junior lecturer at the law faculty from 1974 to May 1976.

She commenced her pupillage at the Durban Bar in 1976 and started to prac-


Judge Meskin has written extensively on legal topics, his principal areas of legal interest being insolvency law and company law. He has been involved as coordinating editor, editor and author of several major practitioner works including *Henochsberg on the Companies Act* and the *SA Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents*. He has also lectured part-time at the University of Natal in company law and other subjects.

He was at one time honorary secretary of the Bar Council, Society of Advocates of Natal. He is active in Jewish religious affairs. His hobbies and interests include philately, watching rugby and cricket, listening to music and directing and acting in theatre.

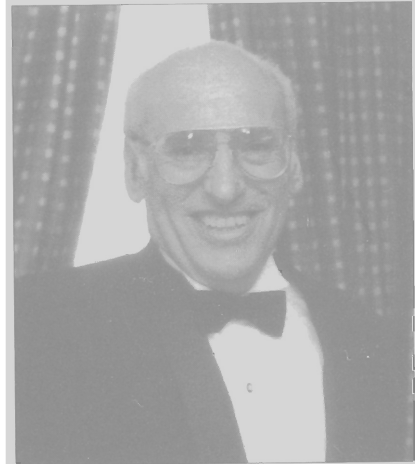
He is married to Padigail Delville and they have three children. 

tise as a member on 1 December 1976. She took silk in January 1994 and was the first woman practising at the Natal Bar to be awarded such status. She was also the first woman to be elected to the Bar Council of the Society of Advocates of Natal.

Judge Niles-Dunér's interests outside the field of law are varied. She is a Dame de la Chaîne des Rotisseurs and was a member of the International Wine and Food Society, Durban Chapter, from 1988 until 1994.

Her main recreational activity is travelling. She plays tennis and squash and is an avid sports spectator. 

New judges



Judge Philip Meskin



Judge Vivienne Niles-Dunér

Transvaal Provincial Division

GERALDINE Anne Borchers has been appointed a judge of the Transvaal Provincial Division from September 1996. She matriculated at Rustenburg Girls' High School, Rondebosch, Cape Town, and subsequently obtained the BComm (1966) and LLB (1969) degree at the University of Cape Town. She worked as prosecutor and subse-

quently state advocate in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Pretoria between 1970 and 1977 until her appointment as senior advocate in the Commercial Branch, Johannesburg, in 1977.

She joined the Johannesburg Bar in 1983 where she was elected as secretary of the Bar Council for the Legal Aid Bureau in 1992 and assistant honorary sec-



Judge Geraldine Borchers

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.

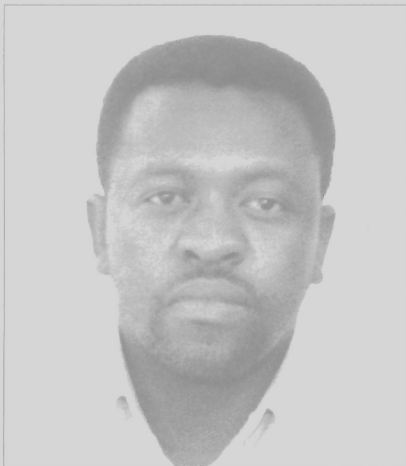
Her hobby is reading. She is divorced and the mother of two teenage daughters. 

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. 

Land Claims Court



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. 