

Bar news • Balienuus

At the annual Cape Bar dinner

Cape

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Acting appointments

NO less than six acting appointments have been made to this division for the first term: Viljoen SC, Griesel SC (who has been nominated by the Cape Bar Council for one of the current vacancies on the Cape Bench), Veldhuizen SC, Rose-Innes SC, the son of Rose-Innes J who has just retired as a judge of this division, Tockar SC and Cyril Prisman, consultant to Messrs Hofmeyr Herbstein Gihwala & Cluver Inc.

Retiring

Colin Prest SC, a member of the Cape Bar for 33 years, has retired from practice to seek a well-deserved rest.

Oorlede

Gerrit Diederich (Dick) Griessel SC wat vir 30 jaar by die Kaapse Balie gepraktiseer het, is op 24 Februarie 1998 oorlede. Hy is gedurende 1983 as senior advokaat aangestel en het in 1993 afgetree as lid van die Balie.

Bar dinner

The annual Bar dinner was held at the Mount Nelson Hotel on 17 October 1997. At the dinner a speech was given in honour of Fagan J who retired as Deputy Judge President of the Division, King J who was appointed as his successor, and Blignault J who had been appointed to the Cape Bench.

A toast to the large number of new silks at the Cape Bar, namely Hansie Botha, Madeleine de Swardt, Peter Hazell, Josie Jordaan, Fef le Roux, Robbie Mc Dougall, Denzil Potgieter, Les Rose-Innes, Anton Veldhuizen and Dirk Uijs was proposed by Mike Fitzgerald.

The presence of a number of high court judges, judges of appeal and retired Cape judges was noted with pleasure.



From left to right: Former Chief Justice Michael Corbett, Dirk Uijs SC and Milton Seligson SC.



From left to right: William King, Craig Webster, Peter Corbett and Ashley Binns-Ward.



From left to right: Gershon Shapiro (father of the cartoonist, Shapiro), Francois van Zyl, Judge Fritz Brand and Paul Hoffman SC.

Yacht race

On Saturday 15 November 1997, members of the Cape Bar and the attorneys' profession participated in the popular annual Legal Eagle Yacht Race. This year the race was sailed in support of charities, amongst others the Red Cross Childrens' Hospital.

More than 30 yachts participated in the race, a requirement being that they were skippered and crewed by legally qualified mariners. The only exception to this rule was that owners of boats were permitted to have a non-participat-


ing representative aboard to ensure that no serious damage was caused either to vessel or equipment. Lance Burger of the Cape skippered "Majimoto II" to first place in her class and second overall and was also largely responsible for the organisation of the race. The "Ancient Mariner" of the Bar, Joe van der Westhuizen SC, usually well up in the field, was only able to make 8th place in "Ninja".

The Bar also managed to field a yacht skippered, and crewed almost entirely, by ladies of the Bar. Clearly

the gender imbalance is in the process of being redressed. Three of our members, Fitzgerald SC, Wragge and Crowe, elected to betray the Bar and sail on yachts skippered by attorneys.

New members

The following members joined the Bar in December 1997:

J S Aldrich, J C de Wet du Plessis, H J O Roux, G Selikowitz and P Faulman. There are at present 20 pupils who have undertaken pupillage in the first half of this year. 

Acting appointments

THE following silks held acting appointments: Richard Buchanan, Dup de Bruyn, Johnny Horn, Andrew Lang, Murray Louw, Chris Mouton, Reneé van Rooyen, and John Whitehead.

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting was held in Grahamstown on 27 February 1998, Whitehead SC being elected as chairman of the Bar.

The meeting was followed by a pleasant dinner at the Settlers' Inn, where the guest speaker was Judge Ludorf. The other judges present were Zietsman JP, Jennett, Jones, Kandile

AJ, Kroon, Leach, Liebenberg, Mpati, Neppen, Pickering, Van Rensburg, and Whitehead AJ. I am told that the Port Elizabeth Bar outnumbered that of Grahamstown, possibly because many of the former travelled up by Kombi, presumably in quest of critical mass, though one doesn't have to look far for that on the PE-Grahamstown road nowadays.

Arrivals and departures

Port Elizabeth: Bongi Sigodi has departed for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Ben Pretorius, formerly of the Pretoria Bar, has joined us.


Eastern Cape

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Pupil intake

Jeremy Colenso (Master: Richard Brooks), Nyamero Gqamana (J P Marais), Willem Jurgens Jnr (Pieter Mouton), Magdeline Mahuma (Steve Rorke), Kevin van Tonder (Rayn Wade) and Lawrence Schäfer (Torquil Paterson) have commenced pupillage.

PE Society of Advocates

Reneé van Rooyen SC was elected chairman of the PE Society of Advocates, along with committee members Chris Mouton SC, Johnny Horn SC, Johan Huysamen and Paul Jooste. Bruce Dyke and Lille Crouse were appointed hon secretary and treasurer respectively. 

Noord-Kaap

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Regbank

Die Noord-Kaapse regter-president, regter Kriek, het 'n baie besondere prestasie behaal toe hy in Februarie 1998 sy 25ste jaar op die regbank van die hooggeregshof gevier het. Ter ere van die alom beminde regter-president se prestasie is 'n skemerkelk-onthaal op 25 Februarie 1998 deur die Kimberlyse Balie en prokureurs-professie gesamentlik by die Kimberley Klub aangebied. Dit was voorwaar 'n

voorreg om die groot geleentheid saam met regter Kriek te vier. Dit is die wens van al die praktisyns dat regter Kriek nog vir solank as moontlik die leisels in sy bekwame hande sal hou.

Regter Basson het ook aan die einde van Februarie 1998 die tuig neergelê na 'n bietjie langer as 20 jaar op die regbank van die Noord-Kaapse Afdeling van die Hooggeregshof. Op 4 Maart 1998 is daar formeel in die hof van regter Basson af-

skeid geneem en op 11 Maart 1998 is hy ook op 'n informele wyse met 'n gesellige ete deur die lede van die Kimberley Balie gegroet. Regter Basson se vriendelike, hoflike en geduldige optrede op die regbank sal sekerlik lank onthou word. Ons wens hom 'n gesonde en gelukkige aftrede toe.

Die volgende waarnemende regters het ook gedurende die afgelope tyd in hierdie afdeling opgetree: