

Chambers and Schreiner Chambers. The Legal Precinct forms part of the larger central improvement district, the boundaries of which are set out in the adjacent diagram.

The creation of the Legal Precinct substantially improved conditions in the area of the High Court. The streets in the Legal precinct are now patrolled by trained security guards in highly visible uniforms, from 08h00 to 19h00 on Mondays to Fridays, and 08h00 to 14h00 on Saturdays. The presence of these security guards is a deterrent to crime, which has been reduced in the area since the commencement of the Legal Precinct. The security guards provide escort services for persons requiring escort to or from their motor vehicles, and they are able to assist members of the public with enquiries concerning the city. In addition, the CJP provides cleaners who patrol the streets and ensure that they are kept clean.

The CJP also controls the amount of street hawking within the Legal Precinct by providing kiosks for a limited number of hawkers on the pavements. This has led to a clearing of the previously obstructed pavements. Noise pollution has diminished as a result of the removal or control of hawkers who previously played music on the streets at high volumes.

The implementation of these measures has led to improved conditions, both in the Legal precinct and in the larger central improvement district.

There are other improvement districts within Johannesburg, and it is hoped that in time the creation of further improvement districts will lead to the linking of the various improvement districts and better conditions throughout Johannesburg.

Consultation at offices of instructing attorney

On 23 February 1999 the Bar Council relaxed its rule in respect of members consulting at the offices of the instructing attorney.

The amended rule provides as follows:

- 1.1 Counsel are independent practitioners of advocacy.
- 1.2 The practice of advocacy is a referral profession, and accordingly, counsel do not solicit mandates, and only accept mandates on brief from attorneys admitted to practice.
- 1.3 Counsel are required to hold chambers at

places approved by the Bar Council, from which places they conduct their practices.

- 2.1 As a general rule, counsel consult with instructing attorneys, clients and witnesses at approved chambers.
- 2.2 Where circumstances arise which reasonably indicate that consultations cannot conveniently be conducted at counsels' chambers, counsel may direct that the consultations be conducted at some other appropriate place, which place may be the offices of the instructing attorney; provided that counsel, in directing that the consultations be conducted at some other appropriate place, shall not compromise their independent status."


Pupils

During June 58 pupils undertook the Bar Examination, of which 40 pupils passed.

New members

Thirty four new members commenced practice during July.

Recommendations for the conferment of silk in 1999

Eight members have been selected by the Committee of Silks to be recommended to the State President for the conferment of silk in 1999. 

Natal

Contributed by Shelley Walker Durban

Acting appointments

C N Patel SC (Durban Bar) and Mr I Mkhize (former chief magistrate, Durban) held acting appointments in Natal during the third term.

Comings and goings

Mark Stranex left the Johannesburg Bar to join the Durban Bar.


New members

Thirteen new advocates joined the Durban Bar and six joined the Pietermaritzburg Bar, after qualifying at the end of June.

They are Sabera Ally, Reshma Athmaram, Wendalynn Bowler, Marcia de Klerk, Dean Finnegan, Beena Harrichund,

Neethi Israel, Hassan Kajee, Ryanderan Naidu, Sipokazi Pozwa-Lerotholi, Zanele Phungula, Daisy Moodley and Shawn Rorick (Durban); Elsje Bezuidenhout, Catherine Emmanuel, Hoosen Gani, Caspar Pretorius, Judy Singh and Igna Stretch (Pietermaritzburg).

Pupils

Fourteen pupils began pupillage in Natal in July, all of them at the Durban Bar. 

Ciskei

Contributed by T V Norman Bisho


Council

The newly elected officials of the Bisho Bar Council are as follows:

Viwe Notshe (chairperson), Thandi Norman (secretary), Alan Goosen (treasurer) and Toyo Mngqaba (additional member).

New members

The following members joined the Bisho Bar in June/July 1999:

Pathizizwe Dukada, Chuma Cossle, Sam Swartbooi and Temple-ton Ntsaluba. 

Pretoria

Bygedra deur Bill Prinsloo SC Pretoria

Waarnemende aanstellings

Sedert die vorige uitgawe het die volgende lede van die Pretoriase Balie waargeneem op die regbank van die Transvaalse Provinsiale Afdeling:

J Engelbrecht SC, B C van den Heever SC, T J Kruger SC, F J Jooste SC, J H Dreyer SC, R J Raath SC, N J Coetzee SC, E Jordaan SC, S J Maritz SC, B C Bredenkamp SC, D A Preis SC en M C Botha SC.

Membership and pupils

Of the 57 pupils who started with their pupillage in February 1999, 39 passed and are practising at the Bar.

So far some 18 pupils have reported for the July intake.