


Continuing Legal Education

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Late last year a small group of members practising from 42 Keerom Street got together to initiate a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programme at the Cape Bar. The CLE programme, which enjoys the full endorsement of both the Bar Council and Advocates for Transformation, is aimed at practitioners generally, and those of 0 to 3 years' standing in particular. The primary objective of the programme is to bridge the often wide gap between pupillage and practice by attempting to develop the skills and knowledge of members even further in essential areas of practice such as Third Division, urgent applications, insolvency, criminal practice, civil trials, cross-examination, legal drafting, opinions and legal argument.

The programme will initially take the form of monthly seminars held in the common room, which will be conducted by members of the Bench and of the Bar. As such the programme will hopefully serve the purpose of not only further educating, training and building confidence in new members appearing in court for the first time, but also in introducing new members to judges and to their more senior colleagues. In the three well-attended seminars which have been held to date, Selikowitz and Davis JJ, and Ntsebeza AJ, have presented the topics "Banishing the Third Division Blues", "Oral and Written Argument" and "Amnesty and Constitutionalism – an Oxy-moronic Concept?"

CLE is, at present, operated on an *ad hoc* basis by Peter Volmink, Vuyani Ngalwana, André Botha and Nazreen Bawa. It is hoped that in due course CLE will become a fixed policy of a new Bar Council which will hopefully have a permanent CLE sub-committee to ensure the continued operation of this vital service to members. 

Vrystaat

*bygedra deur Ilse Potgieter
Bloemfontein*

Acting appointments

Peter Fischer and Irma Schoeman held acting appointments in this division during May and June respectively.


Lede

Op 20 Mei 1999 is daar op gepaste wyse afskeid geneem van Hein Symington wat sy kamers verruil het vir die voltydse amp van besproeiingsboer en graanprodusent op sy plaas "Dwaalhoek" in die distrik Bloemfontein.

Coenraad Herbst het sy pupilskap en Balie-eksamen suksesvol afgelê en op 24 Junie 1999 begin praktiseer.

Een van ons lede, Pieter Geldenhuys, het besluit om hom intensief te wy aan die politiek en is verkies as leier van die Demokratiese Party in die Vrystaatse Wetgewer. Hy bly steeds 'n aktiewe lid van die Vrystaatse Balie.

Sosiale nuus

Lede van die Vrystaatse Balie het op 24 Junie 1999 'n skemerkelkfunksie aangebied ter verwelkoming van regter H M Musi wat op die Vrystaatse Regbank aangestel is. 

Noord-Kaap

*Bygedra deur J J Schreuder
Kimberley*

Regbank

Daar was geen waarnemende regters gedurende die tweede termyn in hierdie afdeling nie.


Sosiaal

Die jaarlikse baliejag (so genoem ter onderskeiding van al die ander jagtogte waaraan lede van die Vereniging deelneem) was weer vanjaar in die Kalahari. Alhoewel dit vanjaar heelwat later was as in ander jare vanweë onder andere die verkiesing, was die geesdrif en entoesiasme net so groot as in ander jare. Daarvan kan Cloete getuig. Selfs sy suster se troue het hom nie laat tuisbly nie. Weer eens was Erasmus se afvalpot en Lacock se lewerp onverbeterlik. Alhoewel Van Niekerk gesorg het vir die ryspot, was dit darem nie sy skuld (volgens hom) dat dit te veel water ingehad het nie.

Sport

Van Vuuren, wat lank reeds provinsiale kleure in pistoolskiet het, het vanjaar weer baie welslae in toernooie behaal.

Meegevoel

Bester het haar vader, Abel, 'n prokureur in Vryburg, verloor. Alhoewel sy oorlye vir almal 'n groot skok was, bied die wete dat hy sy merk as gemeenskapsleier gemaak het, vertroosting. 

Eastern Cape

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Port Elizabeth*

Port Elizabeth

Acting appointments

Johnny Horn SC has acted since the beginning of 1999 and will continue acting until the end of the third term of this year. René van Rooyen SC has had an acting appointment from 11 June to 18 June 1999.

New members

Julian Butler, Sonja Potgieter, Candice Mey, Claudette Esau and Jacqueline van Rooyen successfully completed their pupillage at the end of June 1999 and have commenced practice at the Port Elizabeth Bar.

New pupils

The Port Elizabeth Bar at present has five pupils who have recently commenced their pupillage.

Grahamstown

Acting appointments

Izak Smuts SC and Jannie Eksteen SC respectively acted in June and August 1999.

New members

J C McConnachie commenced practice in April 1999 in Grahamstown.

New pupils

There is at present one female pupil at the Grahamstown Bar.

Farewell dinner

A farewell dinner was held at the Graemian Centre, Graham College, Grahamstown on Friday 25 June 1999. The function was attended by members and their spouses and the evening proved a great success. A first-class meal was served, accompanied by outstanding wines which were enjoyed by everyone, some more than others. Richard Buchanan SC presented Judge Zietsman with a "pitching wedge" after giving a brief but detailed summary of the Judge President's career in law. Judge Zietsman replied by entertaining those present with some humorous anecdotes of his career, both as counsel and on the Bench. 