

Bisho

Contributed by TV Norman, Bisho

Members

Quinn SC took dual chambers at Bisho during September 1999. Paul van Zyl has resigned from the Bisho Bar.

Acting appointments

Claassen SC is currently acting in the High Court in Pretoria, while Notshe has taken up an acting appointment in the Umata High Court with effect from 6 March 2000.

Pupils

Msingathi Mlisana and Vuyani Majebe are the two pupils who have recently commenced their pupillage.

Natal

Contributed by Shelley Walker, Durban

Acting appointments

Sham Gyanda and Pingla Hemraj held acting judicial appointments in Natal during the first term of 2000. Gyanda is a former member of the Durban Bar, who left in order to take up the position of senior advocate to the Heath Commission. Ms Hemraj is currently a member of the Durban Bar.

New members

We welcomed six new members to the Bar at the end of 1999. Bruce Bedderson, Kavitha Beemchund, Adrian Camp, Garth Harrison, Denise Menon and Rudolf Ungerer joined the Durban Bar after qualifying in December. Saras Chettiah, who qualified at the same time, has since joined the Pretoria Bar. We

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wish them every success in their practices.

Comings and goings

Chris van Vuuren left the Durban Bar towards the end of last year.

Pupils

There were seventeen applications for pupillage at the Durban Bar, and no applications for pupillage at the Pietermaritzburg Bar.

Vrystaat

Bygedra deur Germa Wright, Bloemfontein

Lede en pupille

Verskeie lede het onlangs die Balie verlaat, naamlik Willem Coetzee, Ilse Potgieter, Henli Edeling, Kenny Pretorius en Maretha Maritz. Die verlies van die drie dames het tot gevolg dat daar tans slegs drie vroulike advokate as lede van die Balie praktiseer.

Die Balie se geledere is aangevul deur die toetrede van Sehaphi Motlounq wat sy pupilskap suksesvol voltooi het. Kobus Breytenbach het vanaf die Pretoriase Balie oorgekom om hom by die Vrystaatse Balie aan te sluit.

Daar is tans een persoon besig met pupilskap en die Balie se ledetal staan op 39.

Regbank

Irma Schoeman het gedurende die vierde termyn van 1999 vir die derde agtereenvolgende termyn as regter waargeneem in die Oos-Kaapse Provinsiale Afdeling. Sy het ook 'n waarnemende aanstelling op dié regbank aanvaar vir die eerste termyn in 2000.

Willem Olivier SC het gedurende die vierde termyn van

1999 in Kimberley as regter waargeneem.

Mnr JC Pretorius, oud-prokureur van Bloemfontein, is as waarnemende regter aangestel vir die laaste termyn van 1999 in die Vrystaatse Provinsiale Afdeling.

Sport

'n Entoesiastiese span van die Balie, met die (beskrywende?) naam "Balie Brats", het onlangs 'n span van die burgemeester van Bloemfontein aangevat in 'n eendag-krieketwedstryd. Die wedstryd is op Good Year-park gespeel en die advokate het as besliste wenners uit die stryd getree. 'n Pragtige wisseltrofee is na die wedstryd aan die seëvierende "Balie Brats" oorhandig.

Met die oorwinning nog vars in die geheue, is besluit dat daar voortaan op 'n gereelde basis in verskeie sportsoorte meegeding sal word met spanne saamgestel uit lede van ander professies en organisasies in Bloemfontein.

Eastern Cape

Port Elizabeth

Contributed by Patrick Scott, Port Elizabeth

Acting appointments

Johnny Horn SC is at present acting, and will continue acting until 7 April 2000.

Reneé van Rooyen SC had an acting appointment from 1 November to 12 December 1999, while Dup de Bruyn SC held an acting appointment from 6 to 12 December 1999.

New members

Peter Kroon and Marius Grobler commenced practice at the Port Elizabeth Bar after successfully completing their pupillage at the end of last year.

Members leaving

Graham Burse has left the Bar to take up an appointment with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Grahamstown.

Rob Charsley, who returned to the Port Elizabeth Bar last year after three years in America, has decided to return there.

Claudette Esau and Jacqueline van Rooyen, who were welcomed as new members in the September issue, have decided to seek greener pastures and have resigned as members.

Pupils

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

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Cape Society was held in Grahamstown on 18 February 2000, at which meeting Jannie Eksteen SC was elected chair of the Eastern Cape Bar with Chris Mouton SC as vice-chair. Other members of the executive are Hendrik van der Linde SC, Izak Smuts SC, Ben Ford, Neil Schoeman, Glen Goosen, Roshan Pillay and Lilla Crouse.

Annual Bar dinner

After the Annual General Meeting on 18 February 2000 the Annual Bar dinner was held at the Graemian Centre, Graeme College, Grahamstown. The function was attended by members, as well as judges of the division. The guest speaker was the newly appointed Judge President, Judge CM Somyalo, whose address was followed by the customary junior speeches.