

After a number of acting judicial appointments, Judge Mall was elevated to the Bench of the Natal Provincial Division on 1 February 1995. He officially retired from the public service on 19 June 1997, at the age of 75. Even then he did not consider his life's work complete, but continued to act as a judge of the Natal Provincial Division, serving as chairperson of the Amnesty Committee of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission until his death.

During his years as a silk, Judge Mall was called upon to head a number of Commissions of Enquiry and, from 1994 until his death, he was chancellor of the University of Durban-Westville. He was also a trustee of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Trust.

He died on 18 August 2000 at the age of 78, leaving his wife, Sylvia, a son, Enver, and two daughters, Marcina and Shereen.

At a memorial service in the Durban High Court, Natal Deputy Judge President, Judge VEM Tshabalala, paid tribute to his late colleague in the following words:

"In the *Daily News* editorial of Tuesday, 18 August 2000, Judge Hassan Mall was described as a 'man of few words but much action'. How apt this description is of Judge Mall ...

"He was a role model to black advocates and gave direction to us in his quiet and unassuming manner ...

"Although a kind and humble person he was firm on principle and contributed to the transformation of the Bar. As a judge he treated counsel with courtesy and respect, bent on encouraging rather than frustrating counsels' efforts ...

"We, the advocates of the Natal Bar, will remember Judge Mall as one of the great men of our time. His example of personal achievement combined with selfless service will live on, an inspiration to us all. He will not be forgotten."

The Natal Bar is in the process of establishing a bursary fund, to be known as the Hassan Mall Bursary Fund. Contributions to the fund will be voluntary and the proceeds will be used to assist deserving pupils. It is our fervent hope that this fund will be a fitting memorial to one whose actions characteristically spoke louder than his words.

#### *Neville Fuller*

We were also greatly saddened to learn of the death of our former colleague, Neville Fuller, on 17 August this year. After graduating cum laude from the University of Natal, Fuller served articles with Smythe and Company in Pietermaritzburg and was chosen candidate attorney of the year in his last year of articles. He then practised for a time as an attorney before being admitted to the Bar in October 1961. Fuller retired from full-time practice early last year, at which time he was the longest-standing member of the Pietermaritzburg Bar. After his retirement to the Natal South Coast, he became an associate member of the Durban Bar and practised as such until his death. During his years at the Pietermaritzburg Bar, Fuller co-authored Volume 3 (Statutory Offences) of *SA Criminal Law and Procedure* with Prof JRL Milton. He also played an active role in public affairs and served as a City Councillor during the early 1990s. We extend our

condolences to his wife, 'Winks', and all the members of his family.

## **Port Elizabeth**

*Contributed by Patrick Scott*

### **Acting appointments**

Johnny Horn SC is at present acting, and will continue acting until the end of the term.

H van der Linde SC had an acting appointment from 31 July 2000 to 15 October 2000.

### **New members**

Idris Dala commenced practice at the Port Elizabeth Bar in July 2000.

### **Members leaving**

JP Marais has left the Port Elizabeth Bar to take up an appointment with the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Umtata. Kevin van Tonder emigrated to Vienna.

### **New pupils**

The Port Elizabeth Bar at present has eight new pupils.

### **End of year function**

The end of year function is to be held on 22 November 2000 at The Bush Camp.

## **Noord-Kaap**

*Bygedra deur Japie Schreuder*

### **Regters**

Regter Buys neem tans waar as regter-president aangesien regter Steenkamp met langverlof is. Gedurende die derde kwartaal was regter Buys met langverlof.

### **Lede**

Die Kimberley Balie se ledetal staan tans op ses. Die afname in die ledetal is onder

andere teweeggebring deur die probleme wat ondervind is met regshulpwerk, asook die feit dat mosiehofwerk tot 'n groot mate deur prokureurs self hanteer word. Die oorblywende lede streef egter steeds daarna om die Balie, as instelling, se werksaamhede op dieselfde wyse as vroeër voort te sit.

### **Aftrede van Du Plessis SC**

Charl du Plessis SC tree aan die einde van hierdie jaar af as Direkteur van Openbare Vervolgings in die Noord-Kaap. Adv Du Plessis, wat op 5 Januarie 1944 gebore is, is 'n boorling van die Karoo (Richmond) waar hy ook skoolgegaan, hoofseun en Dux-leerling was. Sy universiteitsopleiding het op Stellenbosch begin, maar is na 'n jaar verskuif na die Universiteit van Kaapstad waar dit in 1968 voltooi is nadat hy die BComm LLB-grade verwerf het. Hierna was hy in Kaapstad werksaam as staatsaanklaer, staatsadvokaat en senior staatsadvokaat. Op 1 April 1979 is hy bevorder tot Adjunk Prokureur-Generaal te Bloemfontein en in Mei 1979 is SC-status aan hom toegeken. Op 1 Desember 1988 is hy as Prokureur-Generaal van die Noord-Kaap aangestel en op 1 November 1998 as Direkteur van Openbare Vervolgings. Adv Du Plessis is getroud met Jeanne en het twee kinders, naamlik Hanneke, 'n regsadviseur by Ou Mutual in Kaapstad, en Jacques, 'n rekenaarstelselingenieur te Johannesburg. Adv Du Plessis sal onthou word vir sy aange-name persoonlikheid, maar wat tog ferm standpunt kon inneem. 'n Afskeidsgeselligheid, wat deur die meeste regslui bygewoon is, is op 19 Oktober gehou.