

terwyl Corne van Zyl ook vir 'n tydperk op die reg-bank diens gedoen het.

Shyam Gyanda SC het vir die geheel van die tweede termyn waargeneem. Hy is lid van die Durbanse Balie.

Mnr JC Pretorius (of dan "Oom Jan" soos hy goediglik onder Bloemfonteinse praktisyns bekend staan) het ook weer as regter waargeneem. Sy bekleeding van hierdie amp het feitlik reeds 'n instelling geword.

Die Balie is baie trots op Irma Schoeman en haar aanstelling as regter in die Transkeise Afdeling. In die Vrystaat is daar maar min vroue-advokate - 'n feit wat hierdie aanstelling tot 'n groot mate uitsonderlik maak. Irma is die eerste vrou sedert oud-regter Leonora van den Heever wat uit ons Balie permanent as regter aangestel is. Sy is ook die eerste junior advokaat uit die geleedere van die Vrystaatse Balie wat permanent aangestel is.

### Algemeen

Daar het die afgelope paar maande die tendens ontstaan dat verskeie lede wat die Balie verlaat het, onafhanklik as advokate praktiseer. Dit wil voorkom asof meer sodanige persone regshulpstrafwerk verrig as wat lede van die Balie sodanige opdragte aanvaar. Dit kan moontlik toegeskryf word aan die swak betaling deur, en verlaagde fooie van, die Regshulpraad,

## Natal

*Contributed by Shelley Walker, Durban*

### Acting appointments

Acting appointments during the second term were held

by Ms PD Hemraj SC, MTK Moerane SC, AK Kisoos Singh SC and J Brauns (Durban Bar), SM Mbenenge (Transkei Bar) and HQ Msimang (Shepstone & Wylie Tomlinsons Inc, Pietermaritzburg).

### New silks

Six members of the Durban Bar were recently awarded silk status. They are AB Mahomed SC, LCA Winchester SC, ND Hollis SC, Ms PD Hemraj SC, AK Kisoos Singh SC and VI Gajoo SC. See p 12 of this issue.

### Comings and goings

Garth Harrison, Adrian Camp, Rudolf Ungerer, Kavitha Bheemchund, Denise Menon, Sabera Ally and Bruce Bedderson joined the Durban Bar in January after passing their Bar examinations at the end of 1999. Mahomed Khan has rejoined the Durban Bar.

Chris van Vuuren, Ken Samuel and Gideon Vos have left the Bar, whilst Pinkie Mokhatla and Saras Chettiah have joined the Pretoria Bar.

### Pro bono work

A number of members of the Durban Bar have volunteered their services as acting regional court magistrates, for no reward, to help alleviate backlogs in the administration of justice. Thus far, such appointments have been held by Adrian Collingwood, Joe Wolmarans and Paul Schumann.

## Noord-Kaap

*Bygedra deur JJ Schreuder, Kimberley*

### Waarnemende regters

Gedurende die eerste

kwartaal het waarnemende regters Bosielo and Majiedt in ons Afdeling as regters waargeneem. Daarna, in April 2000, het Lacock SC en later Booyens SC waargeneem as regter.

### Nuwe regter

Op 5 Mei is regter Majiedt amptelik verwelkom as nuwe regter van die Noord-Kaapse Afdeling van die Hooggeregshof. Ons vereniging, wat regter Majiedt genomineer het, is veral trots daarop dat hy 'n boorling van die Noord-Kaap is. Regter Majiedt se curriculum vitae verskyn op bl 13 van hierdie uitgawe.

### Sosiaal

Die Vereniging se jaarlikse Baliejag het plaasgevind gedurende die naweek van 5 tot 7 Mei 2000. Soos gewoonlik was dit 'n besondere aangename "uitstap" na die Petrusville-omgewing. Verblyf is gereël by die Vanderkloof-oord. Nie alleen het elke lid sy kwota springbokke (wat na die goeie reëns in 'n puik kondisie was) geskiet nie, maar die etes (deur die lede self voorberei) was ook van vyfster-gehalte. Van Nierkerk se afvalpot en Lacock SC se lewerpot was iets besonder.

## Cape

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### Election of new Bar Council

In March 1999 at a special general meeting of the Cape Bar, members resolved to amend the constitution for a trial period of one year, so as to ensure that black members would constitute not less than 40% of the Bar Council for the 1999/2000 year, thereby giving black

members a more powerful voice in Bar affairs. This arrangement, by common consent, worked admirably.

Prior to the Bar Council election for the 2000/2001 year, Advocates for Transformation ("AFT") sought a constitutional amendment giving black members 50% of the seats on the Bar Council. When it became apparent that such a resolution would not be passed by the members of the Bar, the proposed amendment was withdrawn. A compromise proposal for *de facto* joint governance, based on the practice of the Natal Bar, was mooted by members of the Bar (at two general meetings called to discuss the issue), but was rejected by AFT, by a majority of one. At a subsequent meeting of AFT, it was decided by AFT members that there would be a complete withdrawal by AFT members from any participation in the Bar Council, its structures, and the GCB.

At the annual general meeting of the Bar held on 10 May 2000 the following resolution was passed:

"This general meeting:

(i) *reiterates* the fundamental commitment of the Cape Bar to the principles of the independence of the Bar, non-racialism and democracy in the conduct of its affairs;

(ii) *acknowledges* however the distortions introduced into its makeup as regards race and gender by discrimination and disadvantage;

(iii) *accepts* that the Bar as a consequence is in a state of transition and transformation;

(iv) *supports* the principle of joint governance;

(v) *regrets* the withdrawal by AFT members from any participation in the Bar Council, its committees and other structures;