

Noord-Kaap

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Waarnemende regters

Gedurende die laaste termyn van 2000 het Van den Heever SC waargeneem as regter. Geen waarnemende aanstellings is gemaak vir die eerste termyn van 2001 nie.

Algemene jaarvergadering

Ons Balie sien daarna uit om die algemene jaarvergadering van die Algemene Balieraad van SA durende Julie 2001 aan te bied. Daar word reeds beplan om onder andere te voldoen aan die behoeftes van diegene wat lief is vir die natuur. Sonder om die aap uit die mou te laat, glo ons dat dit vir elkeen wat dit bywoon, 'n onvergeetlike geleentheid sal wees.

Regshulp

Regshulpwerk bly steeds 'n kopseer. Dit is onbegryplik waarom die Regshulpraad nie sy verpligtinge na behore wil nakom nie. Verklarings in die media deur regshulpbeamptes dat die betaling van rekeninge op datum is, word in die praktyk as verkeerd bewys deurdat daar 'n gedurige soektog na regspraktisyns is wat bereid is om die werk te doen. Probleme het dan ook in enkele sake ontstaan deurdat daar nie mense beskikbaar was nie.

Port Elizabeth

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New members

Port Elizabeth welcomes two new members in the persons

of Jodene Coertzen and Mthomasebe Booi who successfully completed pupillage in November 2000. Laetitia Pienaar also passed her Bar examination, but has not commenced practice.

Pupils

There are at present eight pupils at the Port Elizabeth Bar.

Cocktail function

The members of the Port Elizabeth Bar subpoenaed the attorneys to a cocktail function which was held at the President's Suite, St Georges Park, on 3 November 2000. The function was well attended both by members of the Bar and the attorneys from Port Elizabeth and surrounds, and the evening was a great success, evidenced by the fact that the party was still going strong at 22h30, not bad for a cocktail function.

Christmas function

The Port Elizabeth Bar gathered at Stone Castle Bushcamp to celebrate the year-end on 22 November 2000. A succulent spit braai, together with various other delicacies, was enjoyed by all who attended with weather being kind for once. Unfortunately the function was not very well attended but those who did not make the effort lost out on a most enjoyable evening with colleagues.

Annual dinner & AGM

The annual general meeting of the Eastern Cape Society of Advocates was held in Port Elizabeth on 23 February 2001, followed by the annual dinner.

Acting appointments

JP Horn SC is at present acting on the ECD Bench and

will continue to do so until the end of this term.

BJ Pienaar has an acting appointment for the month of March 2001.

Johannesburg

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Bar Council

The Bar Council is as follows: Willem van der Linde SC (chair), Altus Joubert SC (vice-chair), Martin Brassey SC, Hilton Epstein SC, Gerrit Pretorius SC, Arnold Subel SC, Willie Vermeulen SC, Sharise Weiner SC, Tim Bruinders, Helen Constantinides, Fione Dippenaar, Karin Green, Colin Lamont, Patric Mtshaulana, Pieter Pauw, Margie Victor.

The honorary secretary is Fayeeza Kathree and her assistant is Julian Joyner.

New silks

The following members were appointed as senior counsel during November 2000: Johan Coetzee, Jan Engelbrecht, Alistair Franklin, Paul Kennedy, Pieter Pauw, Barry Roux, Richard Solomon, Mike van der Nest, Nick van der Walt, Johan Wasserman. See also page 20 of this issue.

General

The move to Sandton is gaining new impetus. Apart from the existing groups in Arbitration House (also known as Maisels Chambers) and Sandown Village, three more groups are moving into the building (it was known as Air Products House) adjacent to Arbitration House. The three groups will be headed by Fanie Cilliers, Pieter Henning and Roland Sutherland. In addition the Bar Council has approved the building adja-

cent to Air Products House (currently occupied by Nedbank) as approved chambers. The move to this building has not yet been planned. There will always be a presence in the central business district. Whether the Bar will have accommodation in Innes Chambers or Schreiner Chambers or both, is not certain at the moment. There is also a move afoot to open chambers in the Carlton Centre. Ishmael Semenya is leading this initiative.

Consultation is currently taking place between the Bar Council and members in respect of the future location of amongst others, the library and the administrative staff. The first phase of the consultation will end on 12 April. All interested parties such as BLA, Nadel and BAFO are involved.

We remember ...

The late Aaron Mendelow QC

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Aaron Mendelow QC

On 27 November 2000 Aaron Mendelow QC, a member of the Johannesburg Bar for more than 50 years, passed away at the age of 91. His death marked the end of an era and the passing away of one of the doyens of the legal