

Opportunities at London and Paris Bars

Discussions between the GCB and the Bar of England and Wales have led to an exciting new opportunity for new practitioners.

GCB chair Jeremy Gauntlett SC has been informed by Linda Dobbs QC, a criminal specialist and chair of the Professional Standards Committee (she is a leading counsel for the Serious Fraud Office in a number of criminal prosecutions) that the general management committee of her chambers has approved a three – month award for a promising member of a South African Bar.

The award – a pilot scheme – will entail a grant of 750 per month plus airfare. A varied programme (with time spent with various members in chambers, working with a judge or two, and with time spent in solicitors' offices).

The first award is contemplated for the last quarter of this year.

Applications should be directed **by 30 April 2002** to the Secretary of the General Council of the Bar at gcb@cis.co.za marked "London Bar Award". These should include: a *curriculum vitae*; three references; and a short statement as to why the applicant believes he / she is suitable.

A person with good academic background, in the first five years of practice, strong commitment to a career at the Bar and leadership potential will be preferred. An interest in criminal law, human rights and international law is a recommendation.

Gauntlett has also confirmed with the President of the Paris Bar its continued commitment to offering placements in Paris for French-speaking members of the South African Bar. All inquiries to Kim Spottiswoode of the Cape Bar at ks@law.co.za.

International Bar Association

Conference in Durban 20-25 October 2002

Since 1988, the IBA's Section on Business Law has provided scholarships to over 350 young lawyers worldwide. A scholarship covers the cost of registration fees and travel to attend IBA conferences. It also includes three years' free membership of the IBA and SBL, a waiver of the annual conference fees for three years and free membership of the Scholarship Alumni.

This year the IBA will be holding its conference in Durban from 20-25 October where the SBL will be putting on a full programme. A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to young lawyers in the conference region, who wish to participate in the conference, but are unable to do so owing to financial constraints.

The criteria for scholarships are shown on the application forms. Copies of the form are available from the IBA office or can be downloaded directly from the IBA website at www.ibanet.org. (Tel + 44(0)20 7629 1206; fax + 44(0)20 7409 0456.)

Scholarships will be awarded on merit, selected by the SBL's Scholarship Committee. All applicants will be notified with the result of their application by the end of June 2002.