

In sy jong(er) dae was hy 'n befaamde rugbyspeler en het onder meer vir die Tukkies 0/20, 1ste span en 0/22 N-Tvl spanne gespeel. Hy het reeds verskeie kere waargeneem as regter.

Grahamstown

Contributed by Izak Smuts SC

In the middle of December, Ntsiki Sandi and Sunil Rukananan joined the Bar after successfully completing the National Bar Examination. Izak Smuts SC served as an acting judge during the fourth term.

From Grahamstown, Judge Frank Kroon, Mark Euijen and Torquil Paterson attended the training programme for advocacy trainers in the Drakensberg in January, and having successfully completed the course, have now joined the Eastern Cape Advocacy Training Committee. Izak Smuts SC and Ben Ford attended the Drakensberg training programme as trainers.

At the annual general meeting of the Eastern Cape Society of Advocates held in January, Jannie Eksteen SC, Ben Ford, Richard Brooks and Gerald Bloem were elected as Grahamstown representatives on the Bar Council. Bevan Boswell was elected honorary secretary. At the subsequent Bar Council meeting, Eksteen SC was elected chairman of the Bar Council for the ensuing year.

At the annual Bar dinner held after the AGM, our former member and now Acting Deputy Judge President of the Supreme Court of Appeal, Judge Smalberger, delivered an inspiring address to members. Also in attendance were former

members, Judge Lex Mpati, of the Supreme Court of Appeal, Judge President Cecil Somyalo and numerous other judges of the Eastern Cape Division, and Jeremy Gauntlett SC, chair of the GCB.

St George's Chambers in Grahamstown has been undergoing something of an upgrade internally (externally, the lettering has advertised "St George's Chambers" for some years). New carpeting has been installed in all corridors, and the common room committee has imposed substantial upgrading levies on members' monthly accounts. All efforts to replace the tea-stained common room carpet are being strenuously resisted. Some history must be preserved.

Port Elizabeth

Contributed by Peter Kroon

Membership

The membership body of the Port Elizabeth Bar has swelled marginally. Elsabet Theron and Belinda Hart have commenced practice and taken up chambers after having successfully completed their Bar examination last year. Belinda is the loss of the attorneys' profession and the Bar's gain, whereas Elsabet has taken the bold step of exchanging the cheerful university lecture for the sombre courtrooms.

There are no resignations to report.

Pupils

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

Acting appointments

No members of the Port

Elizabeth Bar have taken up acting appointments.

Annual General Meeting

At the annual general meeting held in January 2002 the following were elected as members of the Bar Council: Van der Linde SC (Chairperson), Goosen, Crouse, Pillay, Gqamana and Boo. The members were heartened by the fact that, notwithstanding the present representation within the Bar, they were in a position to elect a Bar Council which gives effect to the GCB's initiative for transformation, both in respect of race and gender.

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Social

The end of year Christmas function was held on a "floating restaurant" in the harbour. A good time was had by all and any unsteadiness of foot late into the evening was, correctly, ascribed to the conditions of the seas.

General

There appears to be a consensus amongst attorneys that the recent humiliation by Australia in the cricket series had a positive effect on the industry of members, forcing them out of the common room (where television coverage of the sport can be found) and back into their chambers!

Noord-Kaap

Bygedra deur Japie Schreuder, Kimberley

Waarnemende aanstellings

Lacock SC neem vanaf 1 November 2001 waar as regter in die Noord-Kaapse Afdeling. Sy termyn as waar-

nemende regter strek tot April 2002.

Aftrede en verwelkoming

Op Vrydag, 2 November 2001, is amptelik van regter Appie Steenkamp, vorige regter-president van die Noord-Kaap, afskeid geneem tydens die hofsitting van daardie dag. Tydens dieselfde geleentheid is regter Frans Kgomo verwelkom as nuwe regter-president. Dit was 'n luisterryke geleentheid wat deur vriende en familie bygewoon is. 'n Kort agtergrondgeskiedenis van beide regters is aangebied en albei het kort toesprake gelewer.

Sosiaal

Op 28 November 2001 tydens die jaarlikse Baledinee wat deur alle advokate, regters en oud-regters van die Noord-Kaap bygewoon is, is regter Kgomo op 'n meer informele geleentheid verwelkom as regter-president.

Regter Steenkamp weer, is genooi na die vereniging se informele funksie ('n spitbraai op Vrydagaand 2 November). Tydens hierdie geleentheid is daar gesellig saam gekuier. Regter Steenkamp het by die geleentheid interessante gebeure gedurende sy loopbaan as advokaat en regter met die aanwesiges gedeel. Dit was duidelik dat regter Appie 'n besondere voorliefde vir die Noord-Kaap het en dat sy aftrede nie vervelig sal wees nie – veral inaggenome sy boerdery-aktiwiteite.

Die vereniging se lede het ook 'n aangename naweek vanaf 8 tot 10 Februarie te Aquarush naby Hopetown deurgebring. Die geleentheid was 'n 'river-rafting'-ekspedisie op die Oranjerivier. Alhoewel dit baie warm was, het almal die vol en vinnig vloeiende rivier terdeë geniet.