

KwaZulu-Natal

Contributed by
W Bowler, Durban Bar

Acting appointments

The following are the latest acting appointments: 2001:

September: S Ngubane, JC Booyens SC, G van Niekerk SC, A van Zyl SC, R Griffiths SC.

October: KM Lalbahadur, AB Mahomed SC, GN Kruger, MD Southwood SC.

November/December: C Thomas, AB Mahomed SC, M D Southwood SC, ND Hollis, GD Harpur SC, JNM Poswa SC.

2002:

April: JA Ploos van Amstel SC, A van Zyl SC.

May: JE Hewitt SC, LCA Winchester SC, AK Kisson Singh.

June: FG Richings SC, RAK Vahed SC, LCA Winchester SC.

Pupillage

Twelve pupils sat the Bar examinations in November 2001 — eight in Durban and four in Pietermaritzburg. The following pupils passed in Durban: Narisha Bhagwandeen, Deon Gerber, Nalini Govender, Thulani Khuzwayo, and Eshindren Pillay. Susan le Roux passed in Pietermaritzburg.

Fourteen pupils sat the Bar Examinations in May 2002. We wish them luck as they enter the profession.

Comings and goings

We bid farewell to P Haasbroek, P Smith, C van Rensburg, D Govender and W Bezuidenhout. Welcome to A Gengan.

AGM

The AGM will be held on 31 August 2002.

Sporting events

The KwaZulu-Natal Society of Advocates entered a number of running and walking teams for the JHI/KPMG Business Relay. The first running and walking teams obtained silver medals. The occasion was a successful social event and was enjoyed by all members who participated.

New silks

Congratulations to AJ Rall and G Scheltema.

A J Rall SC

Adrian John Rall was born in Durban on 26 February 1954. Completed his junior education in Pietermaritzburg; matriculated at Maritzburg College, 1971. BA (1974) LLB (1976) Stellenbosch; HDip Tax (1995) Natal. State prosecutor and state advocate 1979-1980. Articled clerk and attorney 1982-1984. Member of Pietermaritzburg Bar (1985 to date). Member of KwaZulu-Natal Bar Council. Interests include road running (completed one Comrades Marathon), red wine, gardening (indigenous trees and plants). Married to Michelle, with two children.

No information at the time of writing received from Scheltema SC.

Grahamstown

Contributed by Izak Smuts SC

Members

There have been no changes in membership of the Grahamstown Bar this year. Grahamstown again hosted the Eastern Cape Advocacy Training Committee's training week for ten pupils from Umtata, Bisho and Port Elizabeth. Partici-

pating in the programme as trainers for the first time were Judge Frank Kroon, Neil Schoeman and Torquil Paterson.

Bench

No members have served as acting judges this year.

Our former chairman, now Judge Jimmy van Rensburg, has been given leave by the Minister of Justice to take early retirement, and leaves the Bench after twenty years in the middle of this year. He is one of a diminishing group of judges of the Eastern Cape appointed from the ranks of the Bar. The last of our members to be appointed to the Bench was Judge Lex Mpati, now of the Supreme Court of Appeal, who has served on the bench since 1996.

Silk

There is a deathly silence in response to an October 2001 silk application. The time may have come for serious consideration of claiming the institution of silk for the profession, and to make it dependent solely upon the principle of peer recognition.

Court building

The scurry of architects, engineers and quantity surveyors which manifested itself in the high court building last year with promises of essential maintenance and improvement has come to nothing, except for some ham-fisted fitting of air-conditioners to judicial chambers. The air-conditioner in Civil Court B, which has been dormant for 18 months, breathed into life for 25 seconds, sufficiently long to send a cloud of dust down upon Pickering J, and then again fell silent. We live in hope.

North West Bar

Contributed by John Stander

Our news is a bit late simply because the Bar's scribe went "walk-about" in the Kamberg, hunting for trout. The serenity of the Drakensburg and the pursuit of the quarry caused him to forget all about his practice, Ninety Seventh Day Adventists, the Legal Practice Bill, and the like.

Anyway...

Our new Bar council is Henry Lever SC (chair), Cecile Zwiggelaar (deputy chair) and Nadia Gutta (secretary). Johan Pistor has returned to chambers after acting in our division during the first term.

A farewell tea was held for Judge JAM Khumalo who retired at the end of 2001. "Oom Jam" now divides his time between his passion for music and his studies for a degree in medical science.

Our Bar has, in view of the uncertainties which has arisen in the light of the LPB, passed several resolutions. And now I am off to catch my trout.

PS: The Kamberg nymph was exceptionally good!

Cape

Contributed by Patsi Weyer

Bar Council

At the recently convened 91st annual general meeting of the Cape Bar held on 23 April 2002 the following members were elected to the council:

MA Albertus SC, NJ Treurnicht SC, AM de Swardt SC,