

## Port Elizabeth

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### Acting appointments

Members of the Port Elizabeth Bar who have during the period under review taken up acting appointments are Mouton SC, Goosen, Pretorius, Jooste, and Huisamen.

### We remember ...

#### Fred Nel

The Port Elizabeth Bar has been saddened by the death of one of its favourite members, Fred Nel. He was born on 18 June 1920 and, at the time of his retirement on 31 March 2002, he was the most senior practising junior advocate in South Africa, and an honorary member of the Port Elizabeth Bar. (See the report in 2002 August *Advocate* 12.)

In his last years Fred became famous for his healthy lifestyle. Up until shortly before his death he remained an active member of the gym. His unflinching enthusiasm for life served to inspire all those who met him. We treasure his memory.

He leaves his wife, Monica, two children, and two grandchildren behind.

### Vrystaat

#### Bygedra deur Germa Wright

Tydens die algemene vergadering in April 2003 is Fouché Jordaan SC as voorsitter verkies. Die ander lede van die Balieraad is Corrie Ploos van Amstel SC, Paul Zietsman, Johan Daffue en

Stanley Reinders. Phillip Loubser is as ere-sekretaris aangestel met Johan Nel as gewillige assistent-sekretaris. Met die vergadering het Ian van der Merwe SC dan ook sy derde termyn as leier afgesluit.

### Regbank

Ian van der Merwe SC is met ingang van Augustus aangestel as regter van die Vrystaatse Provinsiale Afdeling. Geluk Ian, die Balie is trots op jou (sien bl 30). Pieter Fischer het gedurende die tweede termyn as regter in Umtata waargeneem.

### Ons onthou ...

#### Douw Gerbrand Grobler

Op 14 Mei is Douw op tragiese wyse van ons wegeneem. Die motor waarin hy 'n passasier was, het omgeslaan en hy is op die toneel oorlede. Douw het van Oktober 1982 tot Julie 1991 as vennoot van die prokureursfirma Symington en De Kok in Bloemfontein gepraktiseer. Hy was vanaf Augustus 1991 lid van die Vrystaatse Balie.

Die Balie het meer as net 'n kollega verloor. Douw was advokaat, boer, mentor, en bowenal almal se vriend. Hy was nooit te besig om te gesels of net te luister nie. Sy blote teenwoordigheid het dikwels die tempo van gespreksvoering in die teekamer versnel. 'n Mens moes wakker wees in sy teenwoordigheid. Hy was altyd gereed met 'n grappie of 'n vinnige opmerking. Aan junior lede het hy raad en bystand gegee. Hoewel hy dikwels die eerste

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was om iemand op sy foute in die hof te wys, het hy altyd met deernis en begrip die situasie hanteer. 'n Mens het geweet dat hy aan jou kant is. Douw se integriteit kon nooit in twyfel getrek word nie.

Douw word oorleef deur sy eggenote, Annette, sy kinders, Douw Jr, Stefan ('n prokureur in Bloemfontein), Jana, Etienne ('n matriekleerling) en twee susters.

Rus in vrede Douw, ons mis jou.

## Kaap

#### Bygedra deur Theoniel Potgieter

### Balieraad

Op die algemene jaarvergadering, wat op 29 April 2003 gehou is, is die volgende lede tot die Balieraad verkies: Owen Rogers SC (voorsitter), Norman Arendse SC (ondervoorsitter), Nic Treurnicht SC, Madeleine de Swardt SC, Fef le Roux SC, Ismael Jamie SC, Renata Williams, Ranjan Jaga, Tracey Dicker, Nazreen Bawa (assistent-sekretaresse/te-sourier), Tanya Golden, Michael Janisch, Dumisa Ntsebeza en David Borgström (sekretaris).

### Bench

Three members of the Cape Bar have been elevated to the Bench since the beginning of this year: Burton Fourie SC and Lee Bozalek in Cape Town, and Cecile Williams in Kimberley. Also appointed to the Cape Bench this year were James Yekiso

and Yasmin Meer (not members).

In die eerste kwartaal van die jaar het Joe van der Westhuizen SC en Ismail Jamie SC vir die hele termyn waargeneem, asook Mohamed Ismail, prokureur van Gauteng. Derek Mitchell SC, Jeremy Muller SC en E D Wille, prokureur van Kaapstad, het vir korter tydperke waargeneem.

In the second term Van der Westhuizen AJ and Ismail AJ continued acting, and they were joined by Dan Dlodlo, attorney of Vryheid, Natal, and (for shorter spells) Brian Pincus SC and Barbara Gassner. Van der Westhuizen AJ will also act in the third term.

## New silks

#### Michael Donen SC



Michael John Donen was born in Petah Tikvah, Israel, on 6 August 1950. He attended Loreto Convent and matriculated at Christian Brothers College, Cape Town, in 1967. BA (1972) LLB (1974) University of Cape Town; LLM (1982) London School of Economics. Admitted as an advocate in 1975. Worked as prosecutor, Attorney-General's office, Pretoria, 1976-1979. Joined the Cape Bar in 1983. Founding member of NADDEL and Advocates for