

the recognition he deserved when he was elevated to the status of silk by the then State President. This achievement served as a catalyst to yet greater achievements to follow.

In 1984, Findlay's achievements and great skill were once more recognised when he was invited to act as a judge of the Supreme (now High) Court. He took on the challenges of the Bench with great vigour and enthusiasm. Thus, during the period 1984 to 2006, Findlay braved the challenges of the Bench in the Natal Provincial Division, Northern Cape Division, Orange Free State Provincial Division and the Cape Provincial Division, totalling more than twenty occasions on which his colleagues and friends had the pleasure of appearing before him.

This illustrious man, having achieved great respect as an outstanding advocate and an accomplished academic, then set out on the humbling task of giving back to the legal profession.

From 1986 to 1989 Findlay served as an oral examiner in Criminal Procedure for Natal for the National Bar Examinations Board. From 1988 to 1991 he served as an external examiner for the Introduction to the Practice of Law at the University

of Transkei. Also during 1989 he served as an external examiner for the LLM degree at the University of Natal. From 1990 he has unpretentiously served as a Natal Convenor for the National Bar Examinations Board and thereafter to date as a National Convenor of the Board.

As if it were not enough to give so selflessly of his time for the betterment of the general Bar, Findlay took on additional tasks during the period 1992 to 1993 and again from 1995 to 1996 when he served as a member of the Council of the Society of Advocates of Natal.

This dynamic individual is a member of the panel of Mediators and Arbitrators of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) based in Geneva, Switzerland, and has been so since 1994. Findlay has also served as a member of the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa since its inception in 1997 and serves on its panel as an appellate and commercial arbitrator.

Not only is Findlay recognised for his achievements in his own country but he received a great compliment when on the 22 July 1999 he was called to the Bar of England and Wales (Gray's Inn, London).

Findlay continued to add to his achievements, and since May 2000 has been a member of the panel of the Neutrals in Respect of Internet Domain name disputes, on which panel he continues to serve; not to mention (which I will) that since September 2000 Findlay has served on the panel of arbitrators and mediators of the London Court of International Arbitration, as well as serving as a member of the National Arbitrators Federation, Philadelphia, since May 2001. And to top it off, he has practised as a barrister in London since February 2002.

Findlay's contributions continue to impact in that, from 2001 to date, he has served and is still serving as a member of the executive of the General Council of the Bar.

In addition to all his professional achievements, Findlay has never neglected his role as a loving husband to his wife and father to his five children and, of all his great feats, he declares these to be the greatest.

It is with great pleasure and respect for his outstanding achievements that we, the members of the KwaZulu-Natal Bar, take this opportunity to wish Findlay well on achieving 25 grand years of silk-hood and wishing him many more. LL

Noord-Kaap

Bygedra deur Johan van Niekerk SC

Bench

The legal fraternity in the Northern Cape was surprised when it became known that the most junior member

of the Northern Cape Bench, Judge LP Tlaetsi, was appointed as Acting Judge President for the third term of this year. To say that this appointment caused quite a stir, especially among the members of the Bench, and that it had a negative effect on the morale of the majority of judges, would be an understatement. The reasons for this surprising appointment is still unknown to members of this Bar, notwithstanding enquiries addressed to

the office of the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development.

Sport

Een van ons lede, Japie Schreuder, het vanjaar sy 11de Comrades Marathon voltooi. Japie is 'n man wat spog met 'n beste tyd van 7h58 en dit wil voorkom asof hy gedetermineerd is om die 20-merk oor te steek. Ons wens hom voorspoed vir toekomstige marathons. LL

Port Elizabeth

Contributed by Peter Kroon

Members

John Kayser commenced practice at the Port Elizabeth Bar on 1 August 2006. He previously practised at the Johannesburg Bar from 2003 until 2006. John has extensive experience in the corporate world, and more particularly in the field of IT. He was raised in the Eastern Cape and obtained his degree from Rhodes University. We extend him a warm welcome back home.

Sadly Marlini Moodley left the Port Elizabeth Bar on 31 August 2006 to commence work as a State Advocate in the office of the

Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Port Elizabeth, on 14 September 2006. Marlini has been with us for almost three years and in that time earned the respect and affection of all who came into her presence. We will miss her.

Acting appointments

Glenn Goosen acted in Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown and East London during August 2006.

Pupils

We have one new pupil who commenced in July 2006.

Writer came across a passage from Goethe purportedly written some time in the 1830s and thought it might be the source of some inspiration and encouragement to

the pupils and to those fledgling members of the Bar:

'Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation), there is one elementary truth the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans.

The moment one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favour all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no man could have dreamed would have come his way. Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Begin it now.' LL