



Noord-Kaap

Bygedra deur Japie Schreuder

Nuwe pupil

Ons Vereniging het 'n nuwe pupil bygekry toe Sharon Erasmus wat vroeër verbonde was aan die kantoor van die Direkteur van Openbare Vervolgings, besluit het om haar in die privaat praktyk te begewe. Sy was voorheen 'n staatsadvokaat (vanaf 1988) en later senior staatsadvokaat en hoofaanklaer. Ons wens haar sterkte toe met haar loopbaan.

Bar members

At present we still have five members in our Bar. Hopefully the number will increase in the near future with Erasmus doing her pupillage.

Transkei

Contributed by Mbuyiseli R Madlanga SC, outgoing chair

Appointment of Judge Sytze Alkema

It is with a sense of pride and joy that my Bar welcomes the recent appointment of Judge Sytze Alkema to the Transkei Bench. We could not have hoped for a more rounded lawyer. He has been a prosecutor, a state advocate, an attorney and a senior advocate.

Unlike that of the KwaZulu-Natal Bar our claim to Judge Alkema is not only historical but also here and now. As a silk he appeared not infrequently in our division leading various members of our Bar. His extended acting appointment here exposed him to us even more. I am thus well-placed to say his will be an excellent career on the Bench and we wish him and his family well.

New Bar chair

I also take this opportunity to announce that by the time this issue of the *Advocate* is out Phil Zilwa will be the leader of the Transkei Bar. May he and the rest of his team have a wonderful year in office.

Port Elizabeth

Contributed by Peter Kroon

General

The Bar has expanded to a record fifty-two members and as a result our colonisation of the Oasim Building now includes most of the 5th floor on the north side and the entire 2nd floor on the south side.

A newly elected Bar Council was finalised on 30 May 2007 and was constituted as follows: Glenn Goosen SC (chair), Richard Buchanan SC, Mathubisi Booï, Bruce Dyke, Nyameko Gqamana, Belinda Hartle, Badrika Naran, Mzamo Nobatana, Roshan Pillay, Olav Ronaassen, M Beneke (honorary secretary).

Acting appointments

Belinda Hartle had an acting appointment from 11-22 June 2007 in a criminal session in Port Elizabeth. She also acted in Mthatha on 15 June 2007 in a full Bench appeal.

Lilla Crause, a previous member of our Bar and presently a High Court Unit Manager at the Legal Aid Board, had a six-week acting appointment in Grahamstown from 30 April 2007.

Social

The Mill Park Tennis Open was held on 20 March 2007. There were a number of enthusiastic participants from our Bar. The event was won by Johann Huisamen.



Cape

Anton Kruger, our Cape Bar representative, submitted an interesting article on litigation reforms by Frans Rautenbach. The article will be published in the December issue.

Probono.org's launch lauded

At a resoundingly successful launch of ProBono.Org at Constitution Hill, Johannesburg, on 7 May 2007, a spectrum of South African and American legal practitioners discussed optimum ways to do pro bono work for maximum impact.

ProBono.Org is the first initiative of its kind in South Africa. The organisation is mandated to provide a matching service linking the poor and the vulnerable, who cannot access justice due to prohibitive costs, to the legal profession willing to render pro bono legal services.

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