

Land Claims Court • Grondeisehof

Judges appointed

Judge-President Fikile Bam



FIKILE Charles Bam was born in Tsolo in 1937. He matriculated at St Peter's Secondary School in 1956

and obtained the degrees of BA (Law) (1960), University of Cape Town, BProc (1975) and LLB (1976) at Unisa. He was admitted as an advocate in 1978 and joined the Johannesburg Bar until his deportation to the Transkei where he practised from 1980 to 1985. He was chairman of the Transkei Bar for the period 1984/85. He was appointed as director of the Legal Resources Centre in Port Elizabeth in 1985 and became a member of IMSSA in 1987. He sat as an additional member of the Industrial Courts in both Ciskei and Transkei and was appointed as a member of the Commission of Enquiry into the Rationalization of the Provincial and Local Divisions of the

Supreme Court in 1995. In 1992 he became a member of the Eastern Cape Bar and also sat as a commissioner of the Goldstone Commission during 1992 and 1993.

He joined the attorneys' firm of Deneys Reitz as a partner in 1994, specializing in constitutional law, and was appointed as judge-president of the Land Claims Court in 1995.

Judge Bam is, in his own words, "...keen on helping the under-privileged...". He is a member of the Open Society Foundation, Project Literacy and the Trust for Educational Advancement in South Africa.

He is married to Xolewa Bam and they have two children.

Judge Antonie Gildenhuys



ANTONIE Gildenhuys was born in Johannesburg in 1935. He matriculated at the Afrikaans Hoër Seunskool,

Pretoria, and obtained the degrees of BA LLB (University of Pretoria) and LLD (Unisa). After his admission as an attorney in 1959 he practised in Pretoria from 1959 to 1989, and in Johannesburg from 1989 to 1995, until his appointment as a judge of the Land Claims Court.

He has been active in community structures (inter alia chairperson of the National Peace Secretariat from 1991 to 1995, member of the Board of Trustees of RAU), professional organizations (president of the Transvaal Law Society in 1991, member of the Board of Control of the Attorneys' Fidelity Fund and honorary member of the SA Institute of Valuers), in the academic field (for several years a part-time lecturer of the

LLM course in Property Law at the University of the Witwatersrand and extraordinary professor in Property Economics at Unisa), as an author (*Onteiensreg* (1976) an authoritative work on expropriation and various other titles in major law books), in governmental appointments (chairperson of the Pretoria Valuation Board from 1976 to 1995, chairperson of a team to draft a new Water Bill, as well as of various expropriation-related committees). He served as non-executive director of several companies.

Judge Gildenhuys is the winner of several peace and other awards. His hobbies are reading, mountain climbing and hiking. He is married to Elna du Toit and they have three children.

Judge Justice Moloto

JUSTICE Moloto was born at Rustenburg in 1944 and matriculated at Tigerkloof High School in 1963. He obtained the degrees of BA (1973) and BProc (1978) at Unisa and was admitted as an attorney in 1978, after serving

articles in Durban from 1976. He practised as an attorney in the then Bophuthatswana from 1978 to 1992. He was appointed as executive director of the Black Lawyers' Association Legal Education Centre in 1993 and served in that

capacity until November 1995 when he was appointed as a corporate lawyer at Eskom.

He has always been interested in the uplifting of the standards of the profession and was involved in the training >



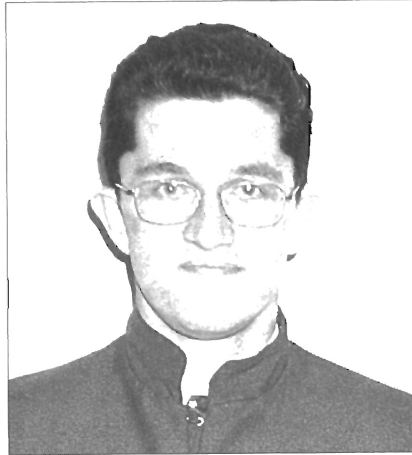
of candidate attorneys at the Association of Law Societies' Practical School and BLA seminars, and assisted many candidates in obtaining financial support.

Judge Moloto's hobbies are watching sport – soccer, tennis, rugby and cricket – and reading. He has three children.

Judge Alan Dodson

ALAN Christopher Dodson was born in Manzini, Swaziland, in 1960. He matriculated at St Albans College in 1977 and obtained the degrees of BCom LLB (cum laude) (1984) at Natal University, Pietermaritzburg and LLM (1988) at the University of Cam-

bridge. He also obtained a postgraduate Diploma in Tax at the University of Cape Town. He was admitted as an attorney in 1987 and was a director of Mallinicks



Inc, Cape Town, where he was in charge of the human rights department, before his appointment as a judge of the Land Claims Court in 1995.

His hobbies are running, tennis and windsurfing. He is married to Raylene Keightley and they have three children.


Judge Yasmin Meer

YASMIN Shennaz Meer was born in Durban and matriculated at the Durban Indian Girls' High School in 1972. She obtained the degrees BA

(1975) at the University of Durban-Westville, LLB (1978) at the University of Cape Town and LLM (1981) at the University of Warwick. She was admitted as an attorney in 1983 and since that date practised as an attorney with the Legal Resources Center, specializing in public interest litigation. She was appointed deputy national di-



rector and in 1995 national director of the Legal Resources Center. She was appointed as a judge of the Land Claims Court from 1 November 1996.

Judge Meer's interests are reading, swimming and theatre. She is married to Advocate LJ Krige of the Cape Bar and they have three children. 

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