

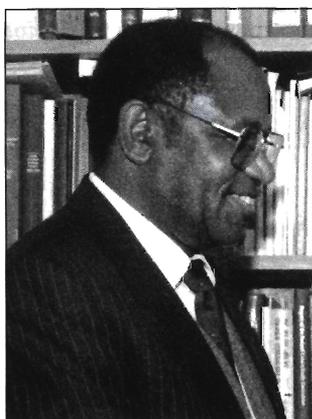
Des (SK) Parmanand, Warren Shapiro, Michael Sibisi, Malcolm Stewart, Khaye Thango and Noel Winfred joined the Durban Bar after completing pupillage during the first half of the year. We wish them every success.

### Comings and goings

Sandra Govender has left the Bar, whilst Roshnee PUNCHOO is away on sabbatical.

## North-West

### Retirement of Judge JAM Khumalo



*Contributed by John Stander, North-West Bar*

Judge JAM Khumalo, popularly known as 'Oom Jam,' retired after 15 years on the high court Bench at the end of October 2001. Joshua Alpheus Mdabula Khumalo was born on 22 December 1929. He attended school at Nigel Primary School and matriculated at Nigel Secondary School in 1949. He obtained the Public Service Law Certificate in 1968 and was appointed the first black magistrate for Durban and Umlazi in Natal. He left South Africa in 1970 and worked for the Swaziland Government until October 1982. During this time he was a senior magistrate and

acting judge of the high court of Swaziland. He obtained the degrees BJuris (1975) LLB (1985) LLM (1998), and was a judge of the high court in the North West since March 1986.

He is presently reading for the PhD degree at the University of Natal. He is a member of the International Rutegee Law Judges Association based in the Netherlands. Judge Khumalo is a pianist and a lover of classical music. He reads, speaks and writes German. He is married to Virginia with six children and sixteen grandchildren some of whom are accomplished musicians.

He is well travelled and has been a guest of many countries. He is the author of several publications, inter alia, on customary courts, practice, maintenance and divorce.

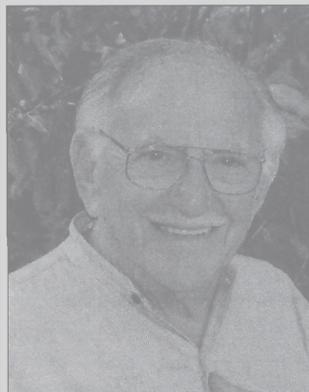
## Johannesburg

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### Constitution

In accordance with the GCB resolution of July 2001 to provide for black representivity the constitution of the Johannesburg Bar Council has been amended to provide for an enlarged Bar council of 24 members – 12 seniors and 12 juniors – 50% of whom must be black. Six members must be women. As at 15 October more than 50 nominations had been received.

### Honorary membership: Jules Browde SC



The biennial Bar dinner on 13 October also served as a special meeting to confer honorary membership on Jules Browde SC. Chris Loxton SC spoke in support of the motion to confer honorary membership on Jules. What follows is an extract from the motivation:

'Jules was born on 21 May 1919. He was educated at King Edward VII School, Johannesburg, and graduated with a BA from the University of the Witwatersrand in 1939. When the Second World War broke out, he joined the South African Artillery and saw service in East and North Africa, Madagascar and Italy. After the war he returned to Wits to study law, obtaining his LLB degree in 1947. Jules was admitted to the Society in 1948 and took silk in 1969. He was chairman of the Bar Council in 1983 and 1985 and has taken an acting appointment on several occasions. In 1990 he was appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal of Lesotho and in 1992 a judge of the Court of Appeal in Swaziland.

Jules was one of the founding members of Lawyers for Human Rights when it was established and [in 1984] became its national chairman, a position which he held for ten years. In the

mid-1980s Jules was asked to chair the National Convention Movement, and in that capacity undertook one of the earliest trips to Lusaka to meet with ANC leaders. His warm and long-standing relationship with Oliver Tambo amongst others and his stature as a leading human rights lawyer played an important part in facilitating crucial decisions – by the ANC to adopt the path of constitutionalism and with it the protection of human rights. The fact that Jules had also moved the application for the admission as an attorney of his old classmate Nelson Mandela, and that he had also acted for the firm of Mandela & Tambo in an application to establish their right to continue to practise in the city also helped matters immeasurably.

[What] has made Jules a great lawyer is what makes him a great person. He has a genuine interest in people. He has an unerring instinct for what is right and for what is good. He brings out the best in those around him even if, for the moment, they are his opponents ... [He] is the embodiment of what a member of this Bar should strive to be. He is scrupulously honest and fair in his dealings with his colleagues. He enjoys the complete trust of both his opponents and the court. He has an instinct for and understanding of the values which underlie a constitutional democracy and had that instinct and that understanding at a time when few others did.'

### Criminal appeals

The Bar Council co-operated with the Deputy Judge President and the Director of Public Prosecutions (Witwatersrand) in organising spe-