

cial sessions of criminal courts to assist in clearing the criminal appeals backlog. The seniors who were appointed did so without remuneration. They are, in alphabetical order: Cassie Badenhorst, Dan Bregman, Hilton Epstein, André Gautschi, Mike Hellens, Guy Hoffmann, Altus Joubert, Dennis Kuny, Ralph Meyer, Gerrit Pretorius, Barry Roux, and Ronnie Selvan.

### Sandton

The move to Sandton has gone very well. The Bar Library has been divided between chambers in the CBD and those in Sandton. It was quite difficult to decide on the distribution of the books. Ultimately it was resolved that the CBD library would consist of foreign sources and hard copy versions of South African sources, including old authorities, text books and law reports. The library would also retain the electronic

library, which would be staffed with an appropriately skilled person. The Willem Muller library (which had been donated to the Bar by Mrs Muller) would form the basic South African source of the Sandton library. To the Sandton library would be added the more esoteric and less frequently accessed hard copies of foreign sources presently housed in the CBD.

### Pupillage: FNB Corporate – Johannesburg Bar Council project

FNB Corporate has submitted to the Johannesburg Bar Council a proposal to facilitate and promote the success of deserving and potentially successful candidates entering the advocates' profession.

It has been decided to conduct a pilot programme to enable the bank to assess whether the project adequately meets the requirements of the candidates. The aim is to effectively set the

candidates up for success and retain them in the legal fraternity.

The pilot programme will cater for three candidates per year:

- two candidates who have successfully completed their period of pupillage and the examination;
- one candidate who intends entering into pupillage.

The successful candidates will receive loan packages at advantageous interest rates to cater for the requirements inherent in establishing a practice. Each loan will be for a maximum of R200 000. Repayment will be structured over a period of five years.

All candidates will be selected by a panel in accordance with selection criteria aimed, inter alia, at ensuring that those with the necessary potential but who are in financial need are given the opportunity to succeed and stay in the profession.

The first loans will be made available during November 2001.

### Johannesburg Bar's two professors

*Hiram Slomowitz SC* has been appointed visiting professor of law at the University of the Witwatersrand. He lectures in insolvency law for LLB students. Hiram holds the degrees BComm and LLB from Wits University and also has a Higher Diploma in Tax Law. He has been practising at the Johannesburg Bar since 1965 and took silk in 1978.

*Altus Joubert SC* has been appointed visiting professor of law at the University of Stellenbosch. He lectures in customs and excise law for post-graduate students in International Trade Law. Altus holds the degrees BA LLB (Stell) MBA (UCT) and LLM cum laude (PU). He has been practising at the Johannesburg Bar since 1981 and took silk in 1993. He is at present the chair of the Johannesburg Bar Council. 

## GCB reports

### Rules Committee

*Report by Pieter Pauw SC, Johannesburg*

The year under consideration was uneventful. Chronologically the following issues were dealt with:

- Increase in travelling allowance – sheriffs.
- Repeal of rules 14 and 14A of the Magistrate's Court Rules. The committee was in disagreement with the proposal. The rule has not been repealed.
- Proposed amendment to rule 18(10) of the High

Court Rules. The committee proposed an amendment to include not only damages, but any other unliquidated amount.

- Proposed amendment to rule 57(5) of the High Court Rules. The committee proposed that a section 57(5A) be included, which should read as follows:

“(a) When –

- (i) a patient is mentally or physically disabled;
- (ii) has left a last will and testament; and
- (iii) unless such will could be destroyed or lost if not safely guarded; the cura-

tor shall make recommendations as to the safekeeping of such will.

- (b) if authorised by the court, and on terms and conditions imposed by the court, the curator may disclose the contents of the will.”

- The eviction of unauthorised tenants. A proposal was made that in order to prevent tenants who had been evicted to move back to the premises, the rule be amended empowering the sheriff to take charge of the property. The committee was against it. It was of the view that it was a matter for legislation. The effect of the proposed rule would be that a defendant

would be unlawfully deprived of his/her property. Even legislation may be unconstitutional.

- Identity numbers or company registration numbers on summonses. The committee resolved that it was in the public interest to require the identity number of a person and the registration number of a company or close corporation to be inserted in a summons. It suggested that rule 17(4)(a) of the Uniform Rules be amended accordingly.
- Proposed amendment of the Magistrate's Court Rules for the calculation of sheriff's fees. There was a proposal which was rejected in that it was vague and unenforceable. 