

Balie en tans op die Transkeise regbank, het 'n paar weke hier kom diens doen terwyl regter Dawid Lombard 'n saak in Transkei aangehoor het.

## Port Elizabeth

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### Pupils

Two pupils, Kerry Lee and Rasia Laher, passed the Bar examination. Rasia has decided to take up chambers and to practise at the Port Elizabeth Bar. Kerry has, however, chosen to pursue a career in the attorneys' profession.

### Acting appointments

Reneé van Rooyen SC accepted an acting appointment for September 2002. He has been shortlisted for a permanent appointment to the Eastern Cape Bench.

### Social

At the end of term function in June 2002 a farewell party was arranged for Jimmy van Rensburg, who has recently retired from the Bench. Judges who were doing duty at the time in Port Elizabeth were all invited to what was an enjoyable function.

### Judges/advocates tackle backlog

In an effort to clear a backlog of about 400 appeals, ten silks have joined forces with the judges and offered their services to the state without charge to sit in specially convened appeal courts to hear the outstanding appeal cases. From the Port Elizabeth Bar these included Richard Buchanan, Chris

## Vrystaatse tronkbesoek



Vlnr: Bertie Fourie, Lentswe Setouto, Germa Wright, Craig Snyman, Ian van der Merwe SC, Stanley Reinders, Xolani Mabusela, Neil Snellenburg, Talitha Carstens, Inez Bezuidenhout, Makhosi Madlala.

Mouton, Hendrik van der Linde and Dup de Bruyn. They were appointed as acting judges for the second week of October and were sworn in on 7 October 2002. This effort is in the true tradition of the Bar and is to be admired. (I note in this context that one junior member of the Bar was overheard to say that, having done cases for the Legal Aid Board, he too is well practised at working for no money.)

## Pretoria

Bygedra deur Henk Havenga

### Waarnemende aanstellings

Die volgende lede van die Pretoria Balie het in die tydperk Julie tot September (die afsnydatum vir Balienuus vir hierdie uitgawe) waargeneem as regters: LJJ Visser SC, CD de Jager SC, RD Claassen SC, FH Terblanche SC, DS Fourie SC, PC van der Byl SC, MNS Sithole SC en L Molopa. During the course of the year a number of our female members who have not yet

taken silk, accepted acting appointments. Some, if not all, did so with some hesitation, because of the perceived break with tradition. They all performed their duties with great distinction and in a manner which did the Pretoria Bar proud.

### Baliedinee

Gedurende September het die Pretoria Balie by sy jaarlikse dinee, ook sy 125-jarige bestaan op feestelike wyse herdenk. Die aand is gekenmerk deur uitstekende toesprake. Mabel Jansen SC dedicated her speech to "... the memory, not only of those pioneers whose lives and personalities are forever woven into the fabric of our sunlit, Jacaranda-lined city, but also to a way of life which is ours, and uniquely ours. It is also an attempt to record 125 golden years during which the Bar was conceived as a small society, was born and has grown to maturity." This poetic start to her speech was followed by a colourful and interesting journey through our history. Regter Eben Jordaan se toespraak, waarin die temas "regters is ook mense" en "hoe voel dit om 'n regter te wees" aange-

spreek is, was een van die pittigste toesprake in jare. Die junior toespraak is gelewer deur Christopher (Tiff) Woodrow, 'n jong man met 'n blink toekoms voor hom.

### Arbitration facilities

When the bulk of the Pretoria Bar moved to the High Court Chambers in Vermeulen Street, a fully-fledged arbitration centre was established on the 1st floor, consisting of two arbitration rooms, each with recording facilities, and three adjoining consultation rooms. The facilities are available to both AFSA and other arbitrations. Further information can be obtained from the office manager, Mr Deon Gericke.

### Ons neem afskeid

Sedert die vorige uitgawe het die Pretoria Balie met leedwese afskeid geneem van twee van sy gewaardeerde lede, HJ (Saai) Saaiman, wat al vir etlike jare ook 'n erelid was, en HT (Hennie) Venter. "Oom Saai" was een van die Balie se ware karakters en menige wonderlike staaltjies sal nog vir lank oor hom vertel word. Hennie Venter is tereg in 'n huldeblyk