

Hof van Appèl, regter Joos Hefer. Appèlregter Hefer is 'n gewaardeerde oud-lid van die Vrystaatse Balie – hy het hier praktiseer vanaf 1957 tot 1975. Sy seun, Seef, sit nou die tradisie voort. Vgl die berig onder “Names in the news” op bl 28 van hierdie uitgawe.

Die aand was 'n groot sukses en almal was dit eens dat die dinee 'n jaarlikse instelling moet word. Dit gee aan praktisyns en lede van die regbank die geleentheid om mekaar op 'n ander vlak te leer ken en waardeer. Ver al die jonger lede vind groot baat daarby.

## Cape

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### Membership

Taking stock of movements in the membership of the Bar early in each year always proves to be an interesting exercise. Since November 2002 the Cape Bar has welcomed the following new members:

M Aggenbach, B Atkins, E Benade, PL Colenso, H de Kock, HJ de Waal, GA du Toit, SA Harmse, SS Houston, KG Hutton, M Mashile, WA Odendaal, ID Pillay, H Rabkin-Naicker, EJ Spamer, W Swanepoel, and N Venter.

At the same time that we gained the membership of 17 new advocates to practice at the Cape Bar, we also bade farewell to R Ganey, D Hutchison, R Inderjeeth, GC le Roux, JN Theron, and JP van den Berg.

### Silks

Letters Patent were granted to five members of the Cape

Bar late in 2002, and we accordingly extend our very best wishes to the following colleagues on achieving this distinction:

Ismail Jamie SC, Michael Donen SC, Richard Goodman SC, Jeremy Muller SC, and Gavin Woodland SC.

Jamie SC and Muller SC also acted as judges of the Cape high court in the first term of 2003, together with Van der Westhuizen SC and Mitchell SC.

In what must be a somewhat unusual confluence of events, the Bar also bade farewell at the end of 2002 to a group of four senior counsel, and we accordingly extend our farewell and best wishes to Burton Fourie SC (appointed a judge), Gys Hofmeyr SC, and Hendrik Klem SC. At the same time we welcomed as an associate member J van der Westhuizen SC.

### Sport

As usual summer in Cape Town has served to inspire various members of the Bar to desert the rigours of their chambers and to set out in pursuit of fame in the sporting arena. A large contingent of the Bar again set about their preparation for the Cape Argus Cycle Race and at the time of going to print the dedicated roadrunners amongst us are in preparation for the Two Oceans Marathon.

Late last year Brian Pincus SC, together with team-mate Daan Smuts and Fred Kiewitz, were chosen to represent the 55+ SA Veteran Tennis Team to participate in the Austria Cup in Vienna, Austria. Sadly Pincus reports that South Africa was grouped with number one seed, Spain, and despite their dedicated team spirit and obvious enthusiasm, the

South African team failed to bring home impressive results on the foreign clay courts. We nevertheless congratulate Pincus on his captaincy of the South African Veterans Team.

John Dickerson SC is an accomplished long-distance swimmer, having completed the Robben Island to Blouberg and/or Three Anchor Bay swims at least ten times over the years. On 30 July 2002 John attempted the English Channel crossing from England to France. After four hours of good weather and having reached a mid-point in the channel, bad weather and storms unfortunately hampered his progress. Never daunted, Dickerson persisted for a full thirteen hours and within sight of the French Coast, was forced to abandon his attempt when the tide turned against him. This has, however, not deterred John from resolving to attempt the swim again in August 2003.

Roelof van Riet SC, a stalwart of the local canoeing and paddling fraternity, travelled to a flooded Prague with his fellow South African team-mate for the World Masters Canoeing Championship held late last year. It will come as no surprise that the event had to be cancelled due to the widespread flooding and dangerous conditions which prevailed. South Africa has won this event on no fewer than three occasions in the past four attempts. Van Riet has been in the winning team on all these occasions. Van Riet continues to conquer the likes of the Duzi Canoe Marathon and the Berg River Marathon, for both of which he is currently in training yet again. He also hopes to participate later this year in the World Masters

Canoeing Championship to be held in Spain.

### Obituary: Gershon Shapiro

Sadly we must also record the death of a long-standing member of the Bar, Gershon Shapiro, who died, aged 72, on 22 November 2002 after undergoing major heart surgery some time before. Shapiro was a long-standing member of the 16th Floor, Huguenot Chambers – from 1974 until his death. He joined the Bar on 22 April 1957. Many a young counsel will remember him as an assessor in a number of high profile criminal cases over the years. He leaves his five children and three grandchildren, including the well-known satirist and cartoonist Jonathan “Zapiro”. He will be remembered as a quiet gentleman of great integrity and a gentle sense of humour, greatly respected amongst his colleagues. He will be sadly missed by all.

## Port Elizabeth

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### Pupils

Two pupils from the last intake passed the Bar examination, namely Graham Richards and Marlini Moodley, both of whom are practising. We offer them our support and wish them much prosperity. We have five new pupils.

### Bar Council

The new Bar Council is constituted as follows:

De Bruyn SC (chairman), Goosen, Hartle, Gqamana, Dala and Pillay.