

members of the AFT, of whom three – LM Molopa, SA Nthai and PM Leopeng – are also members of the Bar Council.

During the course of this year, a number of recommendations and resolutions of the Transformation Committee were adopted or approved by the Bar Council. This included the press statement below, the passing of resolutions that the Bar interrelate with the Department of Justice and the Justice College, offering its support and input in the training of judges, magistrates and prosecutors, and that the Training Committee's proposals regarding the policy on language in respect of pupil training programmes be accepted and implemented. Various other transformation issues such as sustaining and supporting black counsel at the Pretoria Bar, improvement of the pupillage system, and establishing models for equal representation on the Bar Council, were also debated.

## Press statement

The full press statement reads as follows:

*The Pretoria Bar supports transformation of the Bar and the legal system to ensure compliance with constitutional imperatives relating to the requirements of a democratic state founded on the values of the achievement of equality, and the advancements of human rights and freedoms, such as non-racialism, non-sexism and the advancement of the equal enjoyment of all rights and freedoms.*

*To this end it especially supports the advancements of junior colleagues through all possible practical channels, and especially those of the previously disadvantaged groups. It calls upon all relevant organs of government as well as the private sector in all spheres to identify opportunities in this regard and to assist it in achieving the desired result.*

*It also supports transformation of the judiciary to ensure that demographic realities are reflected in the appointments of judicial officers. In the interest of justice it supports the maintenance of high standards and judicial independence.*

*It tenders all its facilities, knowledge and experience to all relevant organs of State to assist in achieving this necessary result. It can assist in the training of all judicial officers and potential appointees, as well as prosecutors.*

*It confirms its commitment to achieve justice in all forums and realises that an independent Bar is essential to a democratic State.*

*It calls upon all colleagues, to assist it in achieving its stated duties.*

## Verwerwing van senior status

*Erratum: George Alberts SC*



In 2004 Augustus *Advocate* 15 het die Pretoria Balie berig oor nuwe aanstellings as senior advokate. Die verkeerde foto is by die berig oor George Alberts SC geplaas. Die korrekte foto word hierbo geplaas.

*BP (Brenton) Geach SC*



The photograph of Brenton kept its own time schedule (not unlike its master) and arrived too late for publication in the previous edition. Brenton was not keen on 'advertising' himself and little personal information about him is available. He needs no introduction however. Brenton is one of the last, and uncompromisingly so, original individuals, with a notorious sense of humour and a keen legal mind. He has reached the milestone, during 2004, of practising for 25 years at the Pretoria Bar.

## 25 jaar by die Balie

'n Verdere vyf lede van die Pretoria Balie het die mylpaal bereik om reeds 25 jaar hier te praktiseer. Twee van hulle, P Kemp SC en BP Geach SC, het pas senior status verwerf (sien vorige uitgawe en hierbo). Die ander lede is JPJ du Plessis SC, ESJ van Graan en TD Hopf. Veels geluk aan al hierdie lede. Ons is trots op julle.

During the past years we have regularly reported on colleagues who have practised for 25 years at the Pretoria Bar. However, some members who have been here for longer than 25 years at that time,

have been overlooked. There is still many an interesting tale to be told regarding those colleagues! One of them, Hans Fabricius SC, recently celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> year in this country. He arrived in the Cape Town harbour on the Bloemfontein Castle on 27 December 1954. He was admitted as an advocate during March 1975 (and is therefore in his 30<sup>th</sup> year at the Bar). Judge George Maluleke was admitted as an attorney on the same day and in the same court. The two lawyers have kept contact, and Hans has over the years from time to time on the anniversary date of their admissions, reminded Maluleke J of that occasion, and commented on the changing times.

## Waarnemende aanstellings

Die volgende lede het sedert die vorige uitgawe as registers waargeneem:

LJL Visser SC, CD de Jager SC, FJ Jooste SC, PC van der Byl SC, JCW van Rooyen SC en NA Cassim SC.

## Cape

*Contributed by Mark Greig*

The Cape Bar recently welcomed the following new members into its ranks: Nono Goso, TS Madima and Siobhan Seth. Acting judges in the third term of 2004 are Geoffrey Budlender and, from the Bar, Renata Williams SC, Rudolph Hiemstra SC, Richard Goodman SC, Ashley Binns-Ward SC, Theoniel Potgieter SC and Ranjan Jaga.

On the political front, the proposed new motion of Advocates for Transformation (AFT) to amend the GCB's constitution to allow for co-governance on an AFT/non-AFT basis (rather than black/white) will be debated at the next general meeting of the Cape Bar on 6 November 2004. The chair of the Cape Bar, Owen Rogers SC, has acknowledged that the issue may become 'divisive' and appealed for members to 'consider the matter carefully, attend the meeting and be measured in debate'.

Other news at the Cape Bar is that Roelof van Riet SC recently finished 23<sup>rd</sup> in the gruelling Berg River Canoe Marathon. Tracy Dicker was blessed with a new baby son, Timothy, who was born on 29 May 2004. Hugo de Kock tied the knot with Christine Abraham on 12 June 2004. Emile Fourie (*aka* 'Mila') last month released a demo rock CD entitled 'Stallion', proving once again that the Cape Bar rocks.