

Tributes

I have already paid tribute to Marnewick SC. Tribute should also be paid to Dickson SC for the success of pupillage in 2007. I would like to express my appreciation to the Pupillage coordinators for their ongoing commitment to the pupillage programme. Without their efforts we would not have a programme. Special thanks to the GCB secretariat for their ongoing support and assistance.

Postea: Resolutions passed at the AGM:

That the one-year pupillage programme be maintained for 2009 and that the Format for Pupillage for 2009 be approved.

That the pupillage registration fee payable to the GCB for 2009 be fixed in the sum of R450.

That the National Pupillage Coordinator is authorised to do the following in respect of pupillage for the year 2009:

- Issue the general guidelines containing the criteria for the acceptance by Bars of pupils where the number of applications exceeds the number of places for pupillage ;
- determine the curriculum in consultation with the National Bar Examination Board;
- determine the Pupillage Programme;
- determine the programme of examinations in consultation with the National Bar Examination Board;
- issue guidelines for pupil mentors; and
- issue guidelines on the coordination and structure of pupillage at all Bars and the supervision and coordination thereof.



Advocacy Training

Sharise Weiner SC, convenor of the GCB's Advocacy Training Committee, reports as follows:

International workshops

The Advocacy Training Committee (AT) continued its ongoing relationship with Gray's Inn and ATC (England) and made many more international connections over the year.

Our trainers and juniors attended two workshops at Gray's Inn as well as the Keble College workshop at Oxford:

2007 May, Gray's Inn: Ron Paschke, Cape Town, Gerhard Naude, Pretoria,

2007 September, Oxford Keble College: Trevor Gorven, Pietermaritzburg, Danny Berger, Johannesburg

Juniors: Ntsiki Sandi, Grahamstown, Henriette Murray, Bloemfontein

2008 May, Gray's Inn: Izak Smuts, Grahamstown, Gary Oliver, Cape Town, Johann Barnardt, Pretoria

We were invited to send two juniors and two trainers to Keble in August 2008. (See Graham Grindwood's report on page 29 of this issue.)

Second International Advocacy Teachers' Conference, Prato, January 2008

I attended the conference together with Tim Bruinders SC and Tanya Golden. I delivered a paper on 'The Art of Oral Advocacy.' Other papers included one on the controversial subject of conducting a case analysis. Charles Haddon Cave QC's paper on the subject incorporated the model compiled by, inter alia, Les Morrison of the Johannesburg Bar. A copy has been furnished to all Bars for use.

Expert Witness Workshop

This took place in Pretoria in March 2008. Piet van Niekerk of the Pretoria Bar organised the workshop which dealt with experts in a custody dispute.

The Jhb Bar organised two advocacy

training workshops for junior counsel, namely a labour court workshop on Tuesday, 18 September 2007, and a criminal appeal workshop on Thursday, 4 October 2007.

Teacher Training Workshop

In January 2008, we held our annual teacher training workshop at Mont-aux-Sources Drakensberg. Edwin Glasgow QC, Charles Haddon-Cave QC, Vincent Nelson QC and Anuja Dhir of Gray's Inn attended from the ATC. Judges Johann Kriegler and Roger Claassen attended to assist as trainers. It was a very successful weekend in which we trained 30 new advocacy trainers; 24 pupils assisted in this. We were also asked by Professor Wanyama Kulundu-Bitonye, the director of the Council of Legal Education, Kenya School of Law, to include four of their representatives as trainees at the workshop. The GCB funded their airfare. Besides Prof Kulundu, Ms Dorcas Agik Oduor Abuya, chief litigation counsel, Directorate of Public Prosecutions, and Ms Beatrice Kemunto Sungura, chief executive officer, Council of the Law Society of Kenya, attended.

The timing of the workshop coincided with the post-election violence and unrest in Kenya. As a result of this, Judge Isaac Lenaola, chair of the Kenya Magistrates and Judges Association, was unable to attend. Prof Kulundu spoke movingly about the plight there and the importance of our work as advocates in maintaining the rule of law through, inter alia, the continued training in advocacy skills.

Pupillage Lecturer Workshop

A successful workshop conducted by Lorraine Chaskalson, Toni Gottlieb and Sias Reyneke SC with lecturers from all Bars, took place simultaneously with the AT workshop in the Drakensberg. See Toni's article in 2008 April *Advocate* 18. The workshop will be repeated in 2009.

Drakensberg 2009

The view of the referral Bars is that it is essential that, in order to retain the high level of training, all trainers should be reassessed on a regular basis.

At the Drakensberg in 2008, we put this into practice through a system of peer review. We were fortunate to have the expertise and experience of the UK trainers at our disposal. The peer review process was very successful and the majority of trainers whom we chose to participate as 'teacher-trainers' retained their A or A+ grading. A report was made to the AT chair of each Bar in respect of those who fell below an A grade.

This peer review system continued throughout 2008 with trainers being assessed during the pupil and junior training workshops.

The necessity of continuous assessment has resulted in a decision to devote the majority of our resources for the 2009 workshop to the 'refreshing' and, if necessary 'retraining' and 'reassessing' of our existing trainers. The workshop will thus involve many more trainers than usual. In order to meet our budget constraints, it has been provisionally agreed that trainers will contribute an amount of R1 000 per person towards the workshop costs. This workshop will be an excellent opportunity to ensure that our training is kept at a high standard and also an opportunity to provide our trainers with a weekend in which to have some enjoyment as a reward for their devotion to training over the past 13 years.

Joni Raff left the GCB/Jhb Bar administrative position to travel overseas. Her successor is Sheri-Leigh Lowe who has been a great help in taking over so seamlessly.

Our thanks to Elize van den Heever of the GCB and her team for their able assistance this year.

