

North West

Contributed by John Stander


New chambers

Our Bar will be moving to new chambers in November or December 2008 after 20 odd years in central Mafikeng. The new chambers with rooms for 16 members and a generous reception area has been purpose designed and is situated alongside the main road from Mafikeng to Mmabatho where the courts are located. Photographs of the new chambers will appear in the next issue of *Advocate*.

Acting judges

During the year Henry Lever SC, Johan Pistor SC, Cecile Zwiegelaar, Lawrence Lever, Nadia Gutta and Blackie Swart have acted as judges in the local High Court.

New and returning members

John Stander, a previous member of this Bar rejoined on 1 July, after spending nearly five years in the High Court Unit of the Legal Aid Board. Harold Masilo joined with effect from 1 August 2008. He also keeps chambers in Pretoria. 



Cape Bar

Gys Hofmeyr SC, retired member (and former president) of the Cape Bar, with Jeremy Gauntlett SC (left), at a dinner of the Maritime Law Association at Riebeeck-Wes on 20 June 2008 to honour Gys's contribution to shipping law in South Africa. Gys was a leading practitioner in the field, and the author of the recently published *Shipping Law in South Africa*.

KwaZulu-Natal

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Annual general meeting

At the KwaZulu-Natal Society's annual general meeting held on 30 August 2008 at the Tala Game Reserve a new council was elected. The outgoing chairman, Aboobaker SC, and his council were thanked for their hard work and dedication over the past two years. The following members were elected: chairman: Olsen SC; vice chairman: Seegobin SC; silks: Choudree SC, Julyan SC; Durban juniors: Bingham, Gabriel, Norman, Mdladla, Lazarus; Pietermaritzburg juniors: Combrink, Bezuidenhout, Elsje; honorary secretary: Nicholson; assistant honorary secretary: Naidu, Vishalan; honorary treasurer: Goddard

We welcome the new council and wish them well for their term.


Congratulations

We congratulate L Naidoo and N Deoduth on the birth of their respective baby girls.

Farewell: Judge Hurt

We wish Judge Hurt well on his retirement. He will be sorely missed by the legal fraternity for his long standing dedication to justice.

Cricket – Durban v Johannesburg Bar

In a surprising (but very welcome) turnaround, the KZN Bar beat the Johannesburg Bar by two wickets in the cricket match on Saturday. A notable performance for the KZN Bar by Jason Kidza-Sewanya (on loan from Shepstone & Wylie), a solid middle-order display by Combrinck, and some late hitting from Boule contributed to a fine victory. 

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