

Pretoria

Deur Henk Havenga SC

New silks/ Nuwe senior aanstellings

Ons is trots om die Pretoria Balie se nuwe senior aanstellings bekend te stel. Hulle is (in alfabetiese volgorde):



Ig Bredenkamp SC

Ignatius Michael Bredenkamp matriculated at DF Malan High School in Bellville and obtained the degrees BCom (Law) at Stellenbosch and LLB at UNISA. He qualified as an attorney at Dyason Attorneys in Pretoria and thereafter served as senior Lecturer and director of the UNISA Legal Resources Institute. He joined the Pretoria Bar in November 1989. He is the author of a book on the Small Claims Court, a court in which he takes an active interest. He is presently a member of a national steering committee of the Small Claims Court. Ig has been a member of the Pretoria Bar Council for a number of years and also serves on several committees, including the training committee and the financial committee, of which he is at present the convenor. He enjoys travelling, is a keen golf player and is married to Louise, a Cheetah supporter!



Louis de Klerk SC

Louis Stephanus was born in Bloemfontein and matriculated at the Gimnasium High School in Potchefstroom. He obtained his BLuris and LLB degrees at Potchefstroom University. He started his career as prosecutor and state advocate in Durban, before joining the Durban Bar for the period 1978-1982. He then worked as legal advisor for Sentra-Oes Co-operative before commencing practice at the Pretoria Bar in June 1984. His practice includes fields such as

insolvency, family law, contract, insurance, succession and property law, and he is also involved in arbitrations. Louis acted as director of Residentia Foundation, a conglomerate of old age homes for a period of almost 18 years in his spare time, and has been a co-examiner and examiner of Motion Court Practice and Procedure for the National Bar Examination Board for close on ten years now. He takes an active part in the training of pupils at the Pretoria Bar. He has also acted as commissioner in the Small Claims Court for a number of years and served in the secretariat of the Pretoria Bar during the years 1987-1989. Louis and his wife have three daughters.



Nante Diedericks SC

Ferdinand Diedericks matriculated at the Hentie Cilliers High School, Virginia, and obtained the degrees BLur (UOFS), LLB (UNISA) and an LLM in Constitutional, Labour, Administrative and Environmental law (UNISA). Prior to joining the Pretoria Bar in February 1985, he worked as prosecutor, magistrate and government legal advisor. He was admitted as attorney in 1984. Nante specialises in personal injury cases, including medical negligence claims. He is an active member of the Bar, has served on the Pretoria Bar Council in 2008 and 2009 as well as on several Bar committees, and is an examiner of the National Bar Examination Board in the subject Civil Trials. Nante is also an accomplished musician. He can play several instruments, passed the UNISA grade seven classical music exams (piano) with distinction and has released three albums. He is a member of the group *Triple A's* which has performed abroad in England, France, Belgium and Switzerland at various SA Parliamentary and Springbok rugby functions. Nante is a keen hunter and golfer, enjoys trout fishing and cooking. He is married to Marlene Apostolides and they have three children.



Salie Joubert SC

Na matrukulasie sluit Salie Joubert aan by die Departement van

Justisie, doen sy nasionale diensplig in die SA Vloot en voltooi voltyds sy regstudies (BProc LLB) aan die Universiteit van Pretoria. Na 'n tydperk as streekhoofaanklaer en staatsadvokaat sluit hy aan by die Pretoria Balie as pupil op 1 Maart 1984. Hy bly betrokke by die SA Vloot en vorder tot die rang van luitenant-kommandeur. Hy dien vir etlike jare as aanklaer in dissiplinêre verhore by die Pretoria Balie. Hy voer ook aan dat hy na sy mening waarskynlik die rekord hou vir die meeste pupille, naamlik 19. Salie spesialiseer in mediese en strafreg. Salie is getroud met Marlene en hulle het twee dogters.



Gerrit Muller SC

Gerrit Cornelius Muller was born in Nelspruit and matriculated in 1971 at Nelspruit High School. He started his career at Barberton when he joined the Department of Justice as an administrative assistant on 18 February 1972. He was transferred to Belfast that same year and then to Eshowe in KwaZulu-Natal in 1977. During 1980-1983 he was regional court prosecutor in Zululand. Gerrit was appointed as an additional magistrate at Kokstad and in 1989 he joined the staff of the Attorney-General in Pietermaritzburg. He was called to the Bar in Pretoria in March 1991. Gerrit obtained the BLuris LLB degrees at Unisa. He also obtained the degrees LLM (International Law) (RAU, 2004); LLM in Import and Export Law (NWU, Potchefstroom, 2005); and LLD in international Law (UJ, 2009). His thesis was entitled 'Geskilbeslegting ingevolge die Seeregkonvensie.' His interests are the international law of the sea, international humanitarian and environmental law, and international trade law. Gerrit is married to Annette. They have three children. Gerrit enjoys walking and reading.



Alwyn Roussouw SC

Alwyn Roussouw het aan die Lydenburg Hoërskool gematrikuleer en diensplig gedoen as lid van Staatspresidentswag. Hy verwerf daarna die grade BA (Politieke Wetenskappe), BA (Hons) (Internasionale Politiek), BLC en LL B aan UP. Op Tuks was hy joolbladredakteur en

het hy vir drie jaar spotprente vir die joolblad geteken. Hy was ook lid van die VSR. Hy het daarna leerklerskap gedoen by Dyason en is toegelaat as prokureur. Alwyn het in 1989 begin praktiseer by die Pretoria Balie. Sy praktyk bestaan hoofsaaklik uit kommersiële werk. Alwyn het twee kinders, Braam (tans in matriek) en Lize (tans std 7). Beide het Noord-Gauteng kleure verwerf in judo en Lize het ook Noord-Gauteng kleure verwerf in gimnastiek. Alwyn het verlede jaar Noord-Gauteng kleure gekry in tradisionele boogskiet en in sy vrye tyd geniet hy boogskiet, jag, visvang, lees, skilder/teken en die kyk van voëls.



Herman van Gass SC

Herman Bruwer van Gass matriculated at Voortrekker High School, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, in 1968 when he was allowed to do both Std 9 and 10 in that year. He obtained the BCom (Economic Sciences) degree at the University of Pretoria in 1974, thereafter the THED (Transvaal Higher Education Diploma) in 1975 at the Pretoria Teachers College, and an LLB degree at the University of Pretoria in 1979. He joined the Pretoria Bar in 1980 and has been practising as an advocate since July 1980. His experience covers almost every branch of the law, but mostly civil matters involving contract law, delict, family law, succession and insolvencies. He is also Juta's North Gauteng High Court reporter for the SA Law Reports. Herman's experience prior to joining the Pretoria Bar relates to general administrative work and economic research in the public service. He also taught economics on a part-time basis at a private school. He is a widower having lost his wife to cancer in 2004. He has two children.

The new intake

No less than 37 of last year's successful pupils took up chambers at the Pretoria Bar! Welcome to our new members. They are (in alphabetical order): **Thabo Babedi** (High Court Chambers), previously a law researcher at Unisa; **Marlé Basson** (New Court Chambers); **Sienta Bekker** (HCC); **Mothepana Boikanyo** (HCC); **Wiets Botes** (HCC); **Elani Botha** (HCC); **Christo Bruwer** (NCC); **Fabrice David** (HCC) who came to South Africa from France in 1988 and introduced the Formula 1 Hotel concept in SA; **Roberto de Alcantara** (HCC); **Lynn East** (HCC); **Ilze Enslin** (Circle Chambers); **Corné Goosen** (CC) **Hannes Greeff** (HCC); **Anneke Higgs** (HCC), previously an attorney at Hofmeyr & Herbstein and legal advisor at De Beers; **Mandy Joubert** (HCC) who joined the Bar after a few months of articles; **Anton Knoetze** (HCC); **Iwan Kruger** (HCC); **Noëlene Kruger-Heckroodt** (CC), previously an attorney and conveyancer, who had her own legal consulting firm before joining the Bar; **Matlhaba Manala** (NCC); **Sfiso Masina** (HCC) Limpopo born and graduate of the University of Pretoria; **Elizabeth Mere** (HCC); **Portia Modjadji-Leshaba** (HCC); **Sam Mojamabu** (HCC) previously a

teacher; **Modupi Mokoena** (NCC); **David Mtsweni** (HCC); **Inge Oschman** (HCC), previously legal researcher and judge's clerk for Judge Gildenhuis at the Land Claims Court; **Kgaogelo Ramaimela** (CC); **Marlize Ras** (NCC), voorheen 'n prokureur; **Sajeedah Sayed** (HCC); **Frank Sibulela** (HCC), previously in the legal division of the SA Police Service; **Nico Strydom** (NCC); **Sazi Tisani** (HCC); **Lafras Uys** (HCC); **Philip van den Ordel** (HCC) who is officially the youngest member of the Bar, but according to him also the proudest and most keen to start his career! **JC van Eeden** (HCC); **Adéle van Niekerk** (HCC) who hopes to specialise in tax, labour, contract, insolvency and medical negligence law; and **Adrian Vorster** (HCC), previously an attorney specialising in property law.

New Court Chambers

By Mabel Jansen SC, Pretoria

New Court Chambers has always had a certain allure, an elusive '*je ne sais quoi*.' The reason for this can be attributed to the fact that it was the brainchild of the first breakaway group of advocates who attended a special general meeting *en masse* and voted for the right for advocates to be housed in different buildings.

This group moved into New Court Chambers during 1997. It housed a free-spirited group of advocates, true individuals with idiosyncrasies. Owing to the diminution in numbers it was possible for the advocates to interact on a daily basis and to experience a genuine feeling of belonging and camaraderie. The seventh floor was a true haven, with its balcony and spectacular views of the Union Buildings and the Jacaranda City, where one could down a 'beaker full of the warm South' in order to celebrate a court victory or to drown one's sorrows. It was also the venue for monthly lunches prepared by Annie Williams.

Valerie Matthysen, an institution at the Bar, manned the reception desk. Val, an employee of 25 years, knew the history and family of each advocate. She presided over the New Court Chambers like a hen protecting her brood.

Sadly in 2003, due to faulty electric wiring, the sixth floor caught fire and the entire floor and parts of the fifth floor were destroyed. Other floors suffered water damage. Although the building was repaired, it somehow lost its cachet.

During October 2007 a large contingent of New Court Chambers advocates left for greener pastures. They were blissfully unaware of the imminent economic 'Great Depression.' A small diehard group of advocates, who knew the wisdom of frugality adopted Custer's last stand. However, the Bar's Building Committee (Grobler SC, De Vos SC and Abraham Louw SC), NCC's steering committee (Ferreira SC, Motimele SC, Danie Bignaut and Isabelle Ellis) and the landlord, Growthpoint Properties (Pty) Ltd, assisted by Deon Gericke, conjointly stepped into the breach. New Court Chambers was given an extreme make-over. It rose from the ashes like a phoenix. Advocates soon flocked to it, due to its convenient location on the North Gauteng High Court's doorstep and the reasonable rental. Ben Bernanke – *Time Magazine's* Person of the Year, would nod with approval.

Thus a tranquil oasis was created in the bustling mid-city for members. Members such as Andre Ferreira SC and I, who have practised at New Court Chambers since its inception, smile wryly when colleagues beg us for parking or the use of our chambers for purposes of consultations.

In the words of Churchill when motivating the need to rebuild the Commons Chamber (destroyed by an enemy bomb on May 10,

1941): 'We shape our buildings, and afterwards our buildings shape us.'

Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr was correct in stating that '*plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose*.'

In memoriam

Die Pretoria Balie het met leedwese kennis geneem van die afsterwe van twee lede, Dupie (PJ) du Plessis wat in Oktober 2009 oorlede is, asook 'n voormalige lid, Charles More, wat op 1 Februarie 2010 oorlede is. Ons simpatie aan beide se naasbestaendes en ook Charles se vrou Linda, wat steeds by die Pretoria Balie werk.

Waarnemende aanstellings

Die volgende lede het gedurende die tydperk Oktober 2009 tot Desember 2009 as regters waargeneem: Piet Ebersohn, Ben van den Heever SC, Hans Fabricius SC, Sam Maritz SC, Hennie de Vos SC, Bert Bam SC, Dawie Fourie SC, Francois du Toit SC, Frans Arnoldi SC, Danie van Loggerenberg SC, Mervyn Rip SC, Piet Kemp SC, Ronel Tolmay SC (wat intussen permanent aangestel is as regter!), Daan Mills SC, Abraham Louw SC, Roelof du Plessis SC, Marc Leathern SC en Sarel Wagener SC. 

Moderne interieur van die New Court Chambers.

