

Johannesburg

Launching of Moorcroft's book on banking law



From left to right: L Raath (accountant), I Mulder (LexisNexis), J Moorcroft (author), L Wepener SC (Jhb Bar chairman), A Daniels (LexisNexis).

Johan Moorcroft, a founding member of Group 21, recently published his first book, *Banking Law and Practice*, through LexisNexis.

Moorcroft noted that banking law is an exciting and dynamic field which has undergone numerous changes in recent years. Recent legislation such as the NCA, FICA and FAIS has drastically altered banking practice and previous publications do not deal with these topics. Many earlier textbooks were also written in the era before electronic banking, ATMs and cellphone banking and do not deal with the central role of the compliance function in modern banking. The publication deals with these modern questions as well as more traditional concerns such as the *in duplum* rule and the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits.

The work itself provides a good overview of the field and refers the user to specialist texts on topics where they exist. It has been written to be used by persons without a legal background in addition to lawyers, and should prove to be a useful tool in the arsenal of any person

involved in banking and corporate law.

Lötter Wepener SC, current chairman of the Johannesburg Bar Council, noted at the formal release of the book that the Johannesburg Bar was proud to have one of its members join the ranks of authors of legal texts, and noted that over the years members of the Bar have contributed extensively to South African jurisprudence. These authors include Kairinos who co-authored *Norman's Law of Purchase and Sale in South Africa* with Zulman JA and Van Niekerk, Geyer and Mundell's *Summary Judgment*, to name but a few.

Group 21 is proud to associate itself with Moorcroft and appreciates the contribution that he and other members of the Group have made to the growth of South African law. It wishes Johan well for the future and trusts that his efforts will assist practitioners from around the country in coming to grips with an extensive and often complicated field of law.

The book is published in loose leaf format and will be regularly updated. Moorcroft welcomes comments on the work for consideration in future updates.

2008 and 2009 silk conferment

The Johannesburg Bar is proud to disclose the names of the twenty-two advocates who have been awarded senior counsel status in the years of 2008 and 2009. We use this opportunity to congratulate our members on their leadership standing at the Bar and wish them success and prosperity in the way forward knowing well and appreciative that they will continue to clear the way forward for their juniors ensuring a progressive and unified Bar.

Well done to Kiki Bailey SC; Aslam Bava SC; Paolo Beltramo SC; Albertus Bester SC; Jonathan Blou SC; Matthew Chaskalson SC; James Daniels SC; Fiona Dippenaar SC; Denise Fisher SC; Noel Graves SC; Leon Halgryn SC; Laurence Hodes SC; Andrew Kemack SC; Martin Kriegler SC; HB Marais SC; Ivan Miltz SC; Les Morison SC; Shirley Nathan SC; Lindiwe Nkosi-Thomas SC; Jan Rautenbach SC; Kevin Trisk SC; Petrus Venter SC.

Barwon raises the bar: the Johannesburg Bar at Midmar 2010

By André Gautschi SC

The Johannesburg Bar's Barwon team excelled itself in the 2010 Midmar non-company team event, being placed 5th out of more than 700 teams, thanks to superb swimmers in adverse conditions by Reenen du Plessis, Emiel van Vuuren and Richard Maxwell.

This year the Johannesburg Bar entered a record number of teams in the non-company team event. Teams are made up mostly of members of the Bar and their immediate family.

The results of those who swam in the team event were (in minutes and seconds):

Barwon	
Reenen du Plessis (son)	00:24:34
Emiel van Vuuren	00:25:17

Richard Maxwell	00:25:37
Michael van den Barselaar	00:29:23
Adrian d'Oliveira	00:32:45
Bartoo	
Andre Gautschi SC	00:35:28
Roelof du Plessis SC	00:39:29
Carel van Heerden	00:42:15
Judge Colin Lamont	01:00:25
Barter	
Deanne Wood	00:34:44
Magnus de Wet (friend)	00:42:49
Barquat	
Elizabeth Kriegler (wife)	00:45:08
Isabella Kriegler (daughter)	00:46:39
Michael Kriegler (son)	00:46:40
Martin Kriegler SC	00:47:19
Barquin	Withdrew
Barsex	
Faye Darby	00:36:03
Amelia van der Merwe	00:44:32

Irene de Vos	00:48:00
Joni Raff	00:50:11
Alan Lamplough	00:50:55
Barsep	
Craig Cothill	00:34:35
Vicki Krause (partner)	00:37:31
Alan Dodson	00:52:10
Farhana Docrat	00:52:39
Ebrahim Docrat (brother)	01:22:53

In the individual events on the Sunday, Emiel was placed 5th in the age group 31-40 with a very fast time of 0:23:01, whilst Reenen was placed 63rd in the age group 14-30 with an equally impressive time of 0:23:42.

Emiel successfully completed (for the second time) the 8 Mile Challenge, swimming all eight events in two days, which makes his performances as recorded above all the more impressive.