

delivery of opening and closing addresses. The course includes a section on the ethics of the profession.

The course is unique, but similar to the advanced advocacy courses presented by the UK and Australian Bars, to both of which South African judges and Counsel have contributed for a number of years. It requires participants to perform the skills of witness handling and addressing a court or tribunal, to subject their performances to critical review, including a video review, by faculty on the course and to replay their performances, which are again subject to review. The course ends with a full trial conducted by participants. The two exercises used by participants to hone their skills are a civil/commercial dispute and an accounting dispute. The course will include talks on the relevant topics by judges of the SCA and the Constitutional Court and leading silks at the SA, UK and Australian Bars.

Faculty who will conduct training at the course include leading silks from the London, Australian and South African Bars. One of the silks from the London Bar is Courtenay Griffiths QC, lead counsel of Charles Taylor at the Hague.

The course is aimed at junior advocates of between 5-12 years' standing. The course is limited to 36 junior advocates to ensure training of a high quality. Participants will include junior advocates from Namibia and from the office of the DPP. Twelve junior attorneys have been invited to participate in the course, particularly in the course sections on trial preparation, ethics and expert witness handling. The course fee is R6 000. It includes all course materials, accommodation and meals.

The GCB is committed to promoting the rule of law and the independence of the legal profession, to improving the administration of

justice, to the maintenance of high professional and ethical standards, to training young advocates and to the delivery of competent legal services. This inaugural advanced advocacy course goes a long way to achieving these noble objectives.

The late Justice Tholakele Madala

It is with sadness that the General Council of the Bar of South Africa (GCB) learnt of the death of Justice Tholakele (Tholie) Hope Madala who died on 25 August 2010.

Justice Madala had a long and distinguished career in law. After first qualifying as a teacher, he turned to law in 1972 and never looked back, firstly lecturing, then practising as an attorney, and thereafter practising as an advocate before being elevated to the Bench in 1994. He took silk in 1993 and was a former chairman of the Society of Advocates of Transkei, in which role he participated fully in the affairs of the GCB.

Justice Madala also generously contributed his time to the affairs of many social, educational, charitable and human rights organizations.

In October 1994 he was elevated to the Constitutional Court, as a direct appointee to that Court by President Mandela. He served on that Court with distinction until his retirement.

Justice Madala will be missed and the GCB extends its sincere condolences to his family, loved ones and friends.

Hamba kahle baba madala
RAK Vahed SC, Chairman
 27 August 2010 📧

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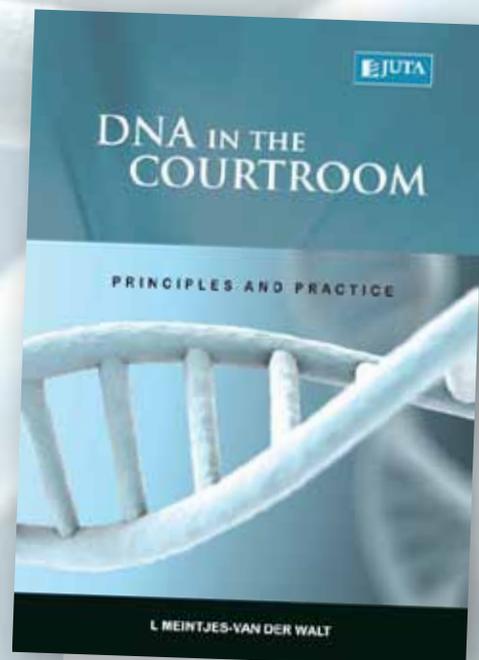
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