

for those members braving the change as comfortable as possible. Members of the Port Elizabeth Bar will enjoy the restaurant and bar facilities of the Club, thereby maintaining the Bar's age old custom of enjoying our tea 'met eish.'

New senior counsel

The following members of the Port Elizabeth Society of Advocates have recently been appointed as senior counsel.

Leon Schubart SC



Leon Schubart matriculated at Grey High School in Port Elizabeth in 1968. He graduated at the then University of Port Elizabeth with a BJuris LLB degree in 1974. He initially did articles at Deney's Reitz, Johannesburg, and practised at the Bar from 1979 to 1983. He joined Rushmere Noach Incorporated, Port Elizabeth, until 1991 when he rejoined the Bar. Leon enjoys wine tasting.

Marius Swanepoel SC

After Marius Swanepoel obtained his BCom LLB at Stellenbosch



University in 1985, he completed his articles and, as an admitted attorney, worked as a professional assistant at Sonnenberg Hoffman & Galombik in Cape Town until the end of 1988. He commenced his practice in the Eastern Cape in 1989. He also completed an LLM (in International Trade Law) at Stellenbosch in 2001 through part-time studies, and a Master of Commerce (with distinction) at Rhodes University in 2007. He serves as a chairperson of the Tax Board. Marius is an avid traveller, reader and keen gardener who enjoys keeping fit.

Rayn Wade SC



After Rayn Wade obtained his LLB at the University of Cape Town in 1988, he completed his articles and, as an admitted attorney, worked as a professional assistant at Pagdens Inc in Port Elizabeth. During this period he obtained his master's degree in labour law (with distinction). After completing pupillage in Grahamstown under the

guidance of MJ Lowe SC, he commenced practice in Port Elizabeth in 1993. Rayn is an avid weather-watcher (read surfer), gardener and keen traveller. He is married to Sharon and has two sons, Hayden and Cameron.

Steve Rorke SC



Steve Rorke started his professional career as a prospector in Namibia (then South West Africa). He commenced studying law at Rhodes University in 1980 and graduated with BA LLB degrees in 1984. Steve practised as an attorney in the High Court litigation department of John C Blakeway & Leppan Inc in Mthatha from 1978 to 1993. He became a

member of the Port Elizabeth Society of Advocates on 1 July 1994. Steve enjoys reading, drinking wine and holidays in the bush. He is married to Monique and has two children, Joshua and Hannah.

Acting appointments

Belinda Hartle has had an acting appointment on the various Benches of the Eastern Cape High Court from February 2010 until 23 September 2010.

Grahamstown

New senior counsel

Gerald Bloem SC matriculated at Uitenhage High School in 1986. He obtained a BA and Higher Teaching Diploma from the University of the Western Cape. He returned to his roots in Kroonstad for a year of teaching. The following year saw him at Rhodes University in Grahamstown where he obtained an LLB. He was admitted as an attorney after completing articles of clerkship at B Sandi & Co in Grahamstown, and thereafter gave six years service as an attorney to the Legal Resources Centre. He joined the Bar in 1996. Gerald is married to Sharon and has a daughter and two sons. A keen sportsman, he was a provincial soccer player with experience as both a striker and defender. He is currently in his second term of office as a director of GBS Mutual Bank. 