

Eastern Cape

Grahamstown

To change, or not to change?

By Richard Brooks

January 2010 saw an Eastern Cape Society of Advocates' Bar dinner held at Kingswood College, Grahamstown, the seat of the Eastern Cape Division, applauded by the guest speaker, Professor Kadar Asmal, as 'a truly South African occasion,' *sans* tuxedos and *avec* traditional dress, lounge suits and partners of all *genres*.

Some members chose not to attend in protest at the change from the 'black tie, members only' ethos.

November 2010, and Kingswood College, Grahamstown, still the seat of the Eastern Cape Division, saw a glittering farewell dinner in honour of the retiring Judge President, Justice CM Somyalo. The tuxedo made a bold return, the perfect foil for other forms of traditional dress, and partners.

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January 2011, and in accordance with a yet unchallenged tradition, Port Elizabeth took her turn to hold the annual Bar dinner. Notwithstanding the strong grumblings of discontent in 2010, the 2011 invitation asked not for tuxedos, but lounge suits and traditional dress. Nonetheless, even more tuxedos made a stout return. As rumbled though, no partners. The guest speaker was the new Judge President of the Eastern Cape Division, Justice CT Sangoni, who spoke philosophically about the nature of change.

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Grahamstown welcomes two new members to the Bar :

Leon Voultsos admitted as an attorney in 2003, and shortly thereafter as a notary public. He was a professional assistant in Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown, focusing on litigation, until the end of 2009 and completed his pupillage in 2010;

Kerryn Watt did her articles with Symington & de Kok Attorneys in Bloemfontein. She practised as an attorney for a year and was admitted as a conveyancer and notary public before taking up a legal advisory position in East London. She obtained her LLM in 2009 and completed pupillage in 2010.

2011 sees two more pupils under excellent tutelage, and no change in the rumblings and grumblings about change. 

**The Third Biannual
Lawyers Cricket World Cup: Barbados 2011**

South Africa has been invited to send a cricket team(s) to participate in The Third Biannual Lawyers Cricket World Cup to be held in Barbados from 7 August 2011 to 21 August 2011. Legal seminars are offered on rest days.

The World Cup is only for qualified and admitted attorneys or advocates who practise as lawyers, legal advisor, judges, magistrates etc. Teams are limited to 17 players. It is hoped that if interest is sufficient, South Africa can send two teams.

Despite an average player age of almost forty, South Africa made an immediate and lasting impact at The Second World Cup held in Cambridge, England during August 2009. See www.sabar.co.za/law-journals/2009/december/2009-december-vol022-no3-pp48-50.pdf.

So if you are a practising lawyer looking for some self-funded Caribbean Cricket and an opportunity to interact socially with, and play relatively competitive cricket against, legal practioners and judges from around the world, please could you indicate your interest to Greg Amm (email: gregamm@law.co.za).

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