

Port Elizabeth

By Steve Rorke SC and Anusha Rawjee

Membership at the Port Elizabeth Bar is at a record high of 65 with the following eight new members:

Nontutu Mbenge: currently busy with her LL.M. in Labour Law, previously a legal administrative officer for the Department of Correctional Services and a full time CCMA commissioner.

Pieter Marias: formerly an attorney in Port Elizabeth.

Nicola Barnard: who joined the Bar as a first career choice.

Hannes Le Roux: previously an articled clerk at Honey Attorneys in Bloemfontein.

Ivana Bands: formerly a legal research assistant and employee in the pharmaceutical industry in the UK drafting contracts and proposals for human drug trials.

Shamier Ebrahim: previously employed at the NMMU Law Clinic and who completed articles with the Uitenhage Justice Centre before joining the Bar.

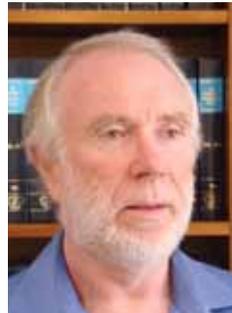
Eric Dyer: who joined the Bar as his preferred career.

Landi Wyers: who joined the Bar as her preferred career.

This is not the only first for our Bar which seems to be soaring to ever greater heights. We have had our first female practitioner, Belinda Hartle, appointed to the Bench. Hartle J will be missed for the dynamic role she played in mentoring pupils and new members.

New silks

Patrick Scott SC



Patrick Scott matriculated at Marist Brothers College in Port Elizabeth in 1977. He graduated at the then University of Port Elizabeth with a BJuris LLB degree in 1982. He com-

menced pupillage in January 1987 and, after passing the Bar exam, commenced practice at the Port Elizabeth Bar in July 1987. Patrick is a member of Crusaders Road Running Club and enjoys playing social squash. He also enjoys wine tastings and is learning to play the bagpipes.

Johann Huisamen SC



Johann Huisamen matriculated at the Despatch High School in 1976. During 1977 he commenced legal studies at the University of Port Elizabeth obtaining a BLuris LLB in 1981, after

which he completed two years military service. Johann was admitted as an advocate in Grahamstown during 1982. In 1984 he commenced his legal career as a regional court prosecutor in Bloemfontein. Six months later he was appointed as a state advocate at the Attorney General's office in Bloemfontein. During 1985, Johann relocated to Port Elizabeth, finishing pupillage at the end of 1985 and has been practising in Port Elizabeth ever since. He specialises in commercial and construction law. Johann is a former Eastern Province tennis player and is currently a keen outdoor person and motorcyclist. 

Free State

By Henriette Murray

And still we grow... our numbers have now reached a record high with four newly qualified members taking chambers in January: James Kitching from A Bachelor & Associates in Cape Town and the others from Bloemfontein: Anchen Coetzee and Stelios Tsangarakis from EG Coopers and Denise Greyling from Webbers. Our fifth 2010 pupil, Almé Stanton from the FS Law Society, opted to join the Kimberley Bar instead. And five new pupils (the 2011 intake) are already anxiously hovering in the wings: Stephen Rautenbach from the Mangaung Local Municipality, Johan Olivier from Kimberley and Nthabiseng Mosese from Qwa-Qwa started their pupillage in January, while Pieter Nel of the FS Legal Aid Board and Anton

Roux from Moroka Attorneys will join them shortly. Fortunately our space problem has been solved for the moment: the Supreme Court of Appeal now has sufficient court and office space in the newly extended SCA building and the third floor of the Iustitia Building has been converted into additional office space and a new Bar tea room.

New silks

You might have thought our Bar has become rather bottom-heavy, or topsy-turvy as Lewis Carroll would say, with the huge influx of mostly Baby Juniors in the past five years. But fortunately the balance has been restored with the appointment of two new senior counsel, André Burger and Peter Fischer, to bring our number of silks to twelve. Both our new SCs are Bloemfontein bred Grey College 'Old Boys,' class of '69 and '70, respectively, and alumni of the UOFS Law Faculty.

André Burger SC



André Burger obtained his BLuris in 1969 and his LLB in 1975 and was admitted as an advocate in 1976. He served as prosecutor before returning to his alma mater as senior lecturer in Public

and Administrative Law & Jurisprudence from 1978-1984. In 1984 he joined the Free State Bar. His has made his mark in local government and that, and his passion for sport, has led not only to his holding provincial colours in several sports, but to his chairing numerous administrative and other tribunals. He serves on the Grey College Board and is the disciplinary officer for the