

# Appointment to the Bench

## Judge Robert Henney



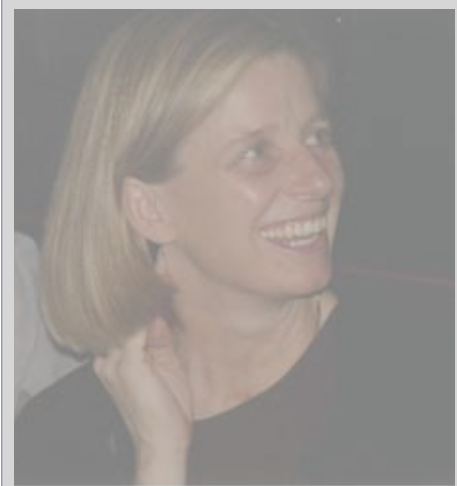
BY NATALIE LAWRENSON

Judge Robert Henney was appointed to the Bench of the Western Cape High Court on 10 May 2011. He studied at UWC and commenced his legal career as a prosecutor. He was soon appointed to the position of magistrate and then regional court magistrate. He served on the Magistrates' Commission and in 2007 he was appointed to the post of Regional Court President for the Western Cape. Here he made a valuable

contribution in implementing systems to reduce the backlog of cases, and by assisting in establishing the civil jurisdiction for the regional court.

Access to justice for the indigent is of great concern to Judge Henney, particularly in light of the human rights issues arising under the new constitutional dispensation. He sees the broadening of the civil jurisdiction of the regional court as a step in the right direction and would like to see increased resources being granted to Legal Aid for these purposes.

On a personal level, Judge Henney enjoys reading and hiking with his family. He has set a personal goal of completing the Argus Cycle tour in the near future.



## New silk

### Tracey Dicker SC

BY LOUISE LIEBENBERG

Tracey Dicker was born in Oudtshoorn on 28 April 1967. She graduated with a BA LLB from the University of Cape Town where she was awarded the Dwayne Martin Memorial Scholarship for outstanding contributions to the University of Cape Town in a leadership position. She completed her articles at Findlay & Tait Inc (now Bowman Gilfillan) and was enrolled as an attorney

before joining the Cape Bar in 1993.

Although she is perceived as a family law specialist, she has also held trial briefs and sat as arbitrator in substantial contractual and commercial matters. She specialises in complex divorces where the issues in dispute relate primarily to the proprietary consequences of the divorce and involve the valuation of business interests, overseas and local trusts and other commercial aspects.

She has served as an acting judge on three occasions. She has also been actively involved in the affairs of the Cape Bar Council since 1998 and currently serves as a member of the Common Room and Functions Committee.

She is married to Dr Paul van Heerden, and they have two children.

BY VUSI MSIWA, MTHATHA

## New members

Three African male advocates joined the Transkei Bar in 2010 upon completion of their pupillage.. They are:

*Lubabalo Landelani Sambudla*, who practised as an attorney at the Legal Aid Office, Queenstown, until 2008. His pupil master was Amelia da Silva.

*Siphiwo Manzolwandle Luzipho*, whose pupil master was Nkosinathi Hinana.

*Vuyani Kunju*, whose pupil master was Vusi Msiwa. Previously he was an attorney at XM Petse Attorneys in Mthatha.

The three new members practise at the Advocates Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, ECDC

Building, York Road, Mthatha.

In 2010, Akhona Moyisi Bodlani completed his pupillage under Vusi Msiwa. He joined the Transkei Bar in 2011. He is a member of the Lusaka Advocates Group at 3 Frere Road, Mthatha.

## Acting appointments in 2011

*PHS Zilwa* joined the Bar in 1993. During 2011, in the second term, he was appointed acting judge in Grahamstown and Mthatha. He previously acted in Bisho, East London, and in the Labour Court.

*Vusi Msiwa* joined the Transkei Bar in 1997. He will act in the Transkei Division during the fourth term.

## Membership

In total the Transkei Bar now has 23 members, including one white male advocate and one coloured female advocate.

Presently there are three pupils: (Ms) Zintle Ncalo under pupil master Phillip Zilwa; Mlamli Ndamase under master Mlamli Mncedi Matyumza; and Kwezi Terrence Mququ under master Ntsikelelo Richard Mtshabe.

All these pupils are awaiting their examination results.