

Johannesburg



**Recent
judicial
appointment**
By Matseleng
Lekoane,
Duma Nokwe
Chambers


Judge Gregory Wright

Gregory Wright is taking his talents (not karate-related) to the Bench, as the latest appointment to the South Gauteng High Court.

The following are common cause: Judge Wright was born on 11 December 1958. He is from Benoni. In keeping with Benoni tradition, he matriculated from Willowmoore High School in 1976. His curious spirit eventually led him to venture out of Benoni and to obtain BCom LLB degrees at Wits. He was called to the Bar in 1987. His 26-year practice focused on commercial and administrative law. He remained at the Bar until he was elevated to the Bench. He has been a categorical advocate for transformation at the Bar, exemplified by his passion and commitment

to training junior advocates. He has also been an active member of Advocates for Transformation and has sat on various sub-committees of the Bar Council.

Issue in dispute: It has been suggested that the only black thing about Judge Wright is his karate black belt, at one time drawing comparison to the President of the Russian Federation. He does do one thing, however, that sets him apart from the Kremlin – he enjoys listening to Maskandi music.

We at the Johannesburg Bar congratulate Judge Wright! 

Johannesburg Bar at the Midmar 2013

By André Gautschi SC

The Johannesburg Bar had a depleted but still significant presence at the Midmar Mile earlier this year. In the ninth successive year of the Johannesburg Bar's participation, five teams consisting of members and their immediate family were fielded in the non-company team event. Our star swimmer, Emiel van Vuuren, was back to form with an impressive time of 24 minutes 36 seconds. Also impressive was Quirin Kohler's 25 minutes 29 seconds. For once we did not have any youngsters swimming, and we hope that they will be available to swim next year. A recent innovation has been dinner get-togethers on the Friday and Saturday nights, allowing for valuable bonding amongst members and their families.

The Midmar Mile 2014 takes place on 8 and 9 February 2014. If you are interested in swimming in the non-company team event, for the Johannesburg Bar, please contact André Gautschi at gautschi@group621.co.za. 

From left to right: Hendrik Pretorius, Emile van der Merwe, Michael Eastman, Bennie Pretorius, André Gautschi, Marguerite Pretorius, Roelof du Plessis, Susannah Cowen, Alan Dodson, Yda van Aartsen, Gerard van Wyk, Stella Vettori, Quintin Kohler, Alan Lamplough and Craig Cothill.

RESULTS

BARNONE

Emiel van Vuuren	00:24:36
Victor Gautschi (André's son)	00:30:03
Stella Vettori	00:30:32
Craig Cothill	00:33:16

BARWON

Quirin Kohler (Stella's partner)	00:25:29
Dirk Vetten	00:35:22
Michael Eastman	00:36:14
Roelof du Plessis	00:36:15
Alex Roeloffze	00:36:22



BARTOO

Bennie Pretorius	00:33:12
(André's son-in-law)	
André Gautschi	00:34:33
Helen de Beer (Victor's girlfriend)	00:34:50
Marguerite Pretorius (André's daughter)	00:52:08

BARTER

Susannah Cowen	00:36:02
Gerard van Wyk (Marius' son)	00:42:13
Alan Dodson	00:47:59

BARQUAT

Hendrik Pretorius	00:33:49
Alan Lamplough	00:48:22
Yda van Aartsen	00:53:34

