

# Eastern Cape

## Grahamstown

By Richard Brooks

### Changing of the guard

The Eastern Cape Society of Advocates mourns the death of its most senior junior member, Stuart James Redpath, who died on 23 May 2013. He was admitted on 1 May 1980 and was a member of the Attorney General's staff in Grahamstown until he commenced private practice in Grahamstown on 1 December 1990. His career path mirrored that of his father, Herman Frederick Redpath, who after having been admitted as an advocate in Pietermaritzburg enjoyed an illustrious career as a member of the Attorney General's staff in Grahams-town before commencing private practice in Grahamstown on 11 April 1975. His membership of the Eastern Cape Society

of Advocates ceased at the end of October 1975, but he contributed valuable and frequent service until the mid-1980s by serving as an assessor in the criminal courts. Stuart passes on the baton to his daughter, Nicola Redpath, who was admitted on 6 March 2003 in Grahamstown where she commenced private practice on 1 July 2003. Nicola has altered the Redpath pattern slightly by contributing her services more than once as an acting magistrate in Grahamstown.

Her daughter Lily, at the tender age of one year, has spent a little time in the common room as something of an honorary member. She demonstrates all the attributes

of a pupil in the wings, perfecting the art of a low tackle on the ankles of selected junior members and an eye for a decent set of car-keys.

The Society has great expectations of her becoming the fourth member of the Redpath family to hold chambers in Grahamstown.

### Acting appointments

Bloem SC recently acted as a judge in the Free State High Court.

In his absence, we welcomed Huisamen SC and Mey, both from Port Elizabeth, as acting judges in Grahamstown and the wider Eastern Cape. **A**

## Port Elizabeth

By Steve Rorke SC and Anusha Rawjee

The residents of Port Elizabeth have just been rated the second fittest in the country and Graham Richards is living proof of that. Richards entered the Iron Man: Corporate Challenge as a one-man team. He bravely – and some thought misguidedly – threw down the gauntlet by challenging two attorneys firms both represented by a plethora of youthful and fit attorneys.

Richards, having won the challenge without undue difficulty, is reported to have said: 'Not too bad for a guy in his sixties!' We agree. We are certainly glad to have a guy like him on our team.

While only one of our members was brave enough to participate in the Iron Man Challenge, the invitation from the Pretoria Bar to a game of cricket has been met with

much enthusiasm. Reports have it that although we have our very own Alfridi and Steyn, the team has been selected principally on the basis of the players' sledging skills. Watch this space ...

From news on the sports field to news on the Bench. Candice Mey has acted for another five weeks this term and has enjoyed the experience. **A**



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