

The Pretoria Bar showed bravery and character in those games because, despite the fact that those clubs were training daily and involved in league competitions, our members were able to match them. This was even though we had not been training prior to those games due to our tight schedules. In a response to repeated defeat one member said, 'what matters most is not who you are but what you are becoming day by day.'

It appears that Pretoria Society of Advocates Football Club is becoming a formidable team to be reckoned with through their trial and error learning curve.

Pretoria Society of Advocates Football Club has just bought a new blue and white Puma soccer kit and is currently negotiating with nearby schools to use the schools' sports grounds for training and for home ground soccer matches. The Pretoria Bar Council, through the management of Deon

Gericke, is thanked a lot for the support given to advocates to relieve work stress due to pressure or lack of briefs including an inability to pay Bar fees. The football club wants to form its supporters club to cheer up the players. It is also in need of institutions that can sponsor it to challenge other Bars around the country, in the continent and overseas.

The football club is still in need of a nickname. **A**

## KwaZulu-Natal

By Sarah Linscott

### Member survives Comrades for the fourth time

Alan Lamplough ran Comrades this year and finished in a time of 11h47. This was his fourth Comrades. The race this year was one of the toughest on record and certainly the toughest that Alan had ever experienced. This was mostly due to a Berg wind which began blowing about halfway through the race. The hot and windy conditions sapped what little strength runners had left for the second part of the race.

Alan tells your correspondent that the standard pose was for the exhausted runner to lie down with his or her eyes closed while waiting for a medic. This proved to be rather unnerving for others running past twenty or so corpse-like figures scattered on the side of the road.

Demonstrating the grit and determination for which KZN Society Advocates are known, Alan managed to complete the race without resorting to sucking on a baby's dummy or snatching a fluffy toy from a small child.



Alan Lamplough looking remarkably chipper after completing his fourth Comrades.

Well done Alan and if any other members ran Comrades but did not make it on to our radar – well done to you too!

### MLA Juniors' Evening

The Durban Chapter of the Maritime Law Association of South Africa held a Juniors' evening at the rather swish rooftop bar of The Square Boutique Hotel & Spa in Umhlanga Ridge. The cocktail party was well attended by a number of junior counsel as well as pupils. It was an excellent and rare opportunity for younger members of the Bar and attorneys' profession to meet in a social setting. A great time was had by all, as they say in the classics. The MLA hold regular social events and seminars around issues pertaining to the Shipping industry. They are always informative and good fun. Durban is already the largest and busiest port in Africa. The development of the dig-out port at the old airport site is an indication that this is an area of law that is sure to increase in scope. Junior members and pupils are encouraged to apply to join the MLA ([www.mlasa.co.za](http://www.mlasa.co.za)).

Your practice may take some time to grow but your correspondent can confirm that they serve hands down the best eats out of any specialist law association. **A**

## Taking silk

In *General Council of the Bar v Mansingh* (417/12) [2013] ZASCA 9 (15 March 2013) the SCA considered the President's power to 'confer honours' as contemplated in s 84(2)(k) of the Constitution. The court held that the interpretation of the section in its historical perspective includes the authority to appoint senior counsel and that there is nothing in the broader context which is at odds with that interpretation. An appeal to the Constitutional Court has been filed.

In the meanwhile the Competition Commission finalised its investigation of a complaint regarding the institution of silk and the selection process for the conferment of silk [ie that it contravenes s 4(1)(a) of the Competition Act]. The Commission has decided 'on the basis of the information available to it' not to refer the complaint to the Competition Tribunal. **A**