

pas aangee en ekself kon 'n voorbeeld stel aan kollegas en praktisyns, meer as wat ek dit kon doen as 'n gewone regter. Daarom is dit ook so dat my werksdag normaalweg teen 06:00 vm begin het en eers teen 06:00 nm afgesluit het afgesien van werk na-ure. Ek was as Adjunk-Regterpresident in die posisie waar ek nie gebonde was om sekere werk op sekere dae te doen nie maar soveel werk kon aanpak as wat my kragte my toegelaat het om te doen. Ek glo dat op hierdie wyse ek 'n bydrae kon lewer aan die breë publiek en aan praktisyns.

'Wat vir my 'n groot bron van vreugde was as Adjunk-Regterpresident is dat ek 'n oopdeurbeleid gevolg het. Kollegas en praktisyns was welkom om my oor enige aangeleentheid te spreek en te raadpleeg.

Ek was in die posisie waar 'n litigant kon kla as die teenparty voete gesleep het en sake vertraag het. Ek was in die posisie geplaas waar ek kon toesien dat sake gereed gemaak word vir verhoor. As Adjunk-Regterpresident het ek ook die geleentheid gehad om toeganklik te wees vir hofpersoneel. Dit het dan ook gou geblyk dat 'n ieder en elk van die oopdeurbeleid gebruik gemaak het. Ek glo egter dat wat die personeel self betref, dit aanleiding gegee het tot beter dienslewering.

'Ek glo ook dat my verhouding met die professionele liggame en die lede van die professies goed was, en dat dit ook bygedra het tot beter dienslewering. Ek het deurentyd geweet dat ek kon staat maak op die ondersteuning van praktisyns en hulle loja-

liteit. Natuurlik moes ek hard werk om hulle vertroue te behou.

'Dit is jammer dat ek op die ouderdom van 70 'n loopbaan van meer as 28 jaar as regter moet groot. Ek gaan vir twee weke vakansie hou en daarna moet ek poog om my op een of ander manier besig te hou. Ek is deur die Minister gevra om te dien op die Reëlsraad van howe. Dit is 'n funksie wat ek met vreugde vervul. Ek hoop en vertrou dat daar ander terreine van die reg is waar ek steeds 'n bydrae sal kan lewer aangesien ek nog genoeg petrol in die tenk het en nie op hierdie stadium kan gaan stil sit nie.

'My aftrede is vir my 'n baie emosionele saak en ek gaan my daaglikse werk geweldig mis. Daaglikse kontak met advokate, prokureurs en kollegas gaan ek baie mis.' **A**

### Judge BR Southwood



Judge Brian Richard Southwood obtained the BA Law degree at the University of Stellenbosch in 1967 and the LLB degree at the University of South Africa in 1970. He did articles of clerkship at Moodie and Robertson, Johannesburg, from January to March 1968 and at

Rooth and Wessels, Pretoria, from April 1968 to December 1970.

He was admitted as an attorney on 18 October 1971 but never practised as an attorney. He was a member of the Pretoria Bar from January 1972 to July 1993, and was awarded senior status on 27 February 1985.

He was a member of the Bar Council from 1989 to 1992 and chairman from 1991 to 1992. He was also vice chairman of the General Council of the Bar of South Africa in 1991 to 1992 (one year) and its chairman in 1992 to 1993 (one year).

He acted as a judge in the Transvaal Provincial Division from February to April 1988, and on 1 August 1993 he was appointed as a judge. He sat in both Pretoria and Johannesburg. He was appointed as acting judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal during 2003 tot 2004 (four terms) and during 2012 to 2013 (four terms). He was chairman of the Stock Exchange Appeal Board from 1988 to 1992. Judge Southwood made a huge contribution to the judiciary. **A**

### Soccer extravaganza

By **Molatelo wa Malowa**, Club coordinator

The Pretoria Bar has resuscitated its football days of glory when it used to play against law firms like Adams & Adams. There used to be laughter and memorable occurrences at the football grounds. In one instance a member, while making runs on the soccer field, took-off his jersey and played half-naked, explaining that the soccer-jersey had become heavy as he had become tired. In another incident a senior member had insisted on taking a penalty due to his seniority at the Bar, but due to his lack of skill he missed the ball completely while it was still stationary.

The Pretoria Bar started off this year's fixtures in May, with some wounds. They were beaten 3:2 by Danville Football Club on the 9 May 2013. On 12 June 2013 they were beaten 4:2 by the Department of Transport in Pretoria.



The team that played against Department of Transport in Pretoria on 11 June 2013. Back row: Peace Mahlangu, Joe Resenga, Molatelo Malowa, David Mtshweni, Mduzuzi Thabede, Dolf Mosoma (pupil). Front row: Maupye Mashamaite (Malowa's personal assistant), Thabo Babedi, Kabelo Mokwena (Common Room employee), Baldwin Makuya and Tseke Marishane.

Photo: Molatelo Malowa.

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**