

Pretoria

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Drie lede van die Pretoriase Balie, Bert Bam SC, Mabel Jansen SC en Nicoline Janse van Nieuwenhuizen SC, is op 2 Desember 2013 as regters in die Noord-Gautengse afdeling van die Hoë Hof aangestel.

- Bam SC het op 2 Maart 1982 by die Pretoriase Balie aangesluit en senior-status is in November 1994 aan hom toegeken. Vanaf 1999 het hy periodiek as regter waargeneem en vanaf 1 Maart 2010, voltyds.
- Jansen SC het in 1984 by die Pretoriase Balie aangesluit en in 1997 is senior-status aan haar toegeken. In 1998, 2003 en 2013 het sy as regter waargeneem.
- Janse van Nieuwenhuizen SC het in 1994 by die Pretoriase Balie aangesluit. In 2013 het sy as regter waargeneem.

Die Pretoriase Balie wens hulle geluk met hul aanstellings. Ons is oortuig daarvan dat hulle 'n positiewe bydrae tot die regspleging sal maak.

Die volgende lede het waargeneem as regters in die Noord-Gautengse afdeling van die Hoë Hof:

- GT Avvakoumides: 10 Maart tot 4 April 2014
- AJ Bam SC: 21 September tot 6 Desember 2013
- G Bofilatos SC: 17 Maart tot 4 April 2014
- PG Cilliers SC: 3 Maart tot 14 Maart 2014
- SK Hassim SC: 25 November tot 6 Desember 2013 en 3 Januarie tot 21 Maart 2014

- J Hiemstra SC: 9 Maart tot 6 Desember 2013
- N Janse van Nieuwenhuizen SC: 21 September tot 6 Desember 2013
- MM Jansen SC: 30 September tot 6 Desember 2013
- HK Koooverjie: 30 September tot 25 Oktober 2013 en 3 Maart tot 4 April 2014
- TAN Makhubele: 27 Januarie tot 7 Maart 2014
- GC Muller SC: 2 Januarie tot 28 Februarie 2014
- B Neukircher SC: 30 September tot 11 Oktober 2013
- PA van Niekerk SC: 30 September tot 11 Oktober 2013
- LI Vorster SC: 29 September tot 6 Desember 2013 **A**

The annual Eastern Cape Bar Dinner was held in Grahamstown at the beginning of February. The guest speaker was Justice Edwin Cameron, who gave a personal view of the Rule of Law and its importance to him.

Justice Cameron acknowledged what he termed 'low levels' of lawlessness currently sweeping across the country, but was characteristically optimistic about our abilities to overcome these challenges, armed with and protected by the Constitution. His address was well received by the members, some of whom were almost as sober as the learned judge.

Although Port Elizabeth is considered a backwater by some of those who do not live here, it is, in fact, a hive of cultural and artistic activity, which is avidly supported by members of the Bar. Patrick Scott SC, a member of the Algoa Caledonian Pipe Band, took part in the annual amateur dramatic production of Macbeth.

Scott played the part of the pipe major, whose tune was 'manly' on the way to Birnam Wood and thence to Dunsinane. The opening night was well supported by the Bar and extremely enjoyable.

We welcome five new members who passed pupillage in 2013.

In 2011, Seane Aresti completed the LLB degree at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in 2011. Before starting pupillage, she completed her articles of clerkship and attended the LEAD Law School programme. Two of her dreams have become reality: she married her high-school sweetheart and she joined the Bar. She finds being counsel 'phenomenal' and looks forward to many more years at the Eastern Cape Bar.

Leanne Ellis obtained the degrees BCom and LLB from the North-West University, at Potchefstroom in 2006 and 2008 respectively and practised as an attorney in Pretoria before relocating to Port Elizabeth in 2013. Leanne and her husband Justin are expecting their first child. She aspires to succeed as mum and counsel. Her hobbies include travelling, culinary arts and literature.

In 2008, Karl Pask obtained the LLB degree at NMMU. He completed his articles of clerkship at Legal Aid South Africa and practised as an attorney before coming to the Bar. Karl enjoys the outdoors and spending time with friends and his wife Liane, whose delicious cup cakes are a teatime treat in the Common Room.

His hobbies include carpentry and reading.

Mark Thys obtained the BProc degree at Vista and the LLB at NMMU. Mark is no newcomer to the legal fraternity, having fifteen years' experience in the labour-law world. He has worked for the CCMA as a fulltime commissioner and comes with a wonderful organizational track record, which includes having won the award for the best-performing full-time commissioner in 2007 and 2008. He also managed the East London CCMA office in 2009 and that in George in 2010, succeeding in improving their overall performance. In 2011, he became provincial manager of the CCMA in Mpumalanga, which role he fulfilled very successfully. In his continuous pursuit of excellence, Mark decided to realize his lifelong dream of becoming an advocate. He loves travelling, nature and the outdoors and has exceptional woodworking skills.

Bronwyn Westerdale holds an LLB degree from NMMU, which she obtained in 2009. Before joining the Bar, she practised as an attorney. Bronwyn is married to Clint and they have a two-year-old son Joshua. Bronwyn also enjoys training dogs and currently works her Labrador and Golden Retriever in competitive dog-obedience and field trials. **A**