

Johannesburg

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UPDATE ON HOUSING

IN THE article titled 'Wouldn't it be lovely?' in the December 2014 edition of *Advocate* at 24, the issue of housing was critically considered against the shortage of supply – in fact the lack of space was called a 'crisis'. According to the records of the Johannesburg Society of Advocates there were 66 pupil members of the class of 2014 admitted to the society to commence practice in 2015.

There were a further 6 members who came from other constituent bars or re-joined the Johannesburg Society to commence practice in 2015.

Of the 72 additional members, 61 of them have been housed as follows:

Group 3, Schreiner Chambers:	4
Pitje Chambers:	10
The Constitutional Hill Group:	1
The Duma Nokwe Group:	4
Group 21, Village Chambers:	7
The Maisels Group:	7
Group One, Sandown Village:	6
Thulamela Chambers:	2
The Protea Group:	2
Group 3, Maisels Chambers:	3
The Bridge Group:	8
Group 16, Sala House:	2
The Island Group:	1
Group 500, Schreiner Chambers:	2
Group 621:	1
The Victoria Mxenge Group:	1

Eleven of the newly admitted members have not yet found space nor have they commenced practice in 2015 as a member of one of the established groups of the Johannesburg Society.

Eighty-three pupils commenced their pupillage in January 2015 and considering that only 32 members resigned their membership during 2014 it is clear that demand is once again set to outstrip supply by some margin and the 'crisis' will indeed 'not abate'.

It seems that unless a solution is found to the critical short supply of sanctioned housing, the problem is set to expand with each passing year. **A**

THE PUPIL CLASS OF 2015

THE Johannesburg Society of Advocates has the largest intake of pupils of all the constituent bars with 83 pupils having commenced with pupillage in January 2015.

A new selection policy was formulated and adopted by the Johannesburg Bar Council during 2014 and was utilised to select the current pupil members. The aim of the new selection policy is to achieve a fair, transparent and practical model suitable for application at the Johannesburg Society, regardless of the number of applications received and to ensure that the most deserving and promising candidates are selected.

There were 180 applications that were received and considered in 2014 for the 2015 intake with the period for applications having closed on 29 August 2014. The applications were subjected to a paper-based evaluation, scored and then all applicants were then granted an interview.

Transformation of the profession is paramount and one of the measures to achieve this goal is to ensure that the pupils are representative of this aim.

Of the 83 pupils 26 (31%) are black females, 38 black males (46%), 9 white females (11%) and 10 white males (12%).

We wish the pupil class of 2015 great success. **A**

IN MEMORY OF JACOBUS JOHANNES (JAAP) ROESTORF

19 August 1948 – 06 December 2014

JAAP matriculated at Hoërskool Piet Potgieter, Potgietersrus (now Makopane) in 1965. He completed B.Juris in 1968 and LLB in 1973, both at the PU vir CHO. (now North West University, Potchefstroom).

From 1 December 1968 until 28 February 1973 he worked, first as a public prosecutor and later as a magistrate, for the Department of Justice, based at Potchefstroom. Between March 1973 and January 1974 he was a legal advisor at the Western Transvaal Administration Board. He served articles with Fleischacks in Potchefstroom between 1 February 1974 and 20 January 1976 and then worked as a Professional Assistant at the same firm until 29 February 1976 when he became and remained a partner until 31 December 1980. Between January 1979 and June 1980 he was also a part-time lecturer at the PU vir CHO.

Between 1 February 1981 and 28 February 1984 he was a professional assistant at Jan Van Deventer & Co, Randfontein and between 1 March 1984 and 28 February 1986 he was a partner at Le Roux, Roestorf and Van Deventer.

He was admitted as an advocate on 26 August 1986 while doing pupillage



with P G Robinson (now SC) and became a member of the Johannesburg Bar on 8 December 1986.

During his career at the Johannesburg Bar he was a member of Group VII, Group 16 and Group 500 where, as a result of Group Policy he was a co-leader of the Group. His practice was mainly a civil litigation practice with most of his work falling in the spheres of Contract Law, Administrative Law, Defamation and Construction Disputes. He appeared in at least 14 cases reported in the South African Law Reports. He was never one to turn away a matter because the likelihood of victory seemed small.

He married Christa Bisschoff, on 12 December 1970. They had two sons and two daughters and at the time of his passing away they were the proud grandparents of four grandchildren. **A**