

KwaZulu-Natal

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PIETERMARITZBURG BAR DINNER

THE following members were honoured at the annual Bar dinner: Booyens SC, Hartzenburg SC, Dickson SC, Moodley SC, Rall SC, Roberts SC and Bezuidenhout SC. Collectively, they have more than 200 years of experience at the Bar and in excess of 300 reported cases. It was indeed a privilege to commemorate their remarkable achievements.

NEW MEMBERS

TWENTY-ONE new members commenced practice this year in Durban and Pietermaritzburg. They are wished every success for the years to come. They are as follows:

• Durban:

Tendayi Kadungure, Nonkcubeko Nako, Jazmina Singh, Christopher Rodel, Bheki Felix Manyathi, Bongza Ziphonzonke Mthethwa, Deborah Marie Ainslie, Kerina Gopaul, Staci Roseanne Naidu, Johan Andries Ploos Van Amstel, Jaishica Govind Bhikha, Cora-Mari de Vos, Anthony Peter van Der Westhuizen and Jabu Yvonne Thobela-Mkhulisi.

• Pietermaritzburg:

Wesley Blade Matthews, Mawande Mazibuko, Bradly Simon Osborne, Sudhir

Narendra Sangham, Nontando Matshotyana, Carl Alistair Reddy and Saaleha Desai.

NEW SILKS

THE following members are congratulated on their silk appointments:

• Durban:

Ian Lesley Topping, Albertus Vos Voor-moloen, Roland Stephen Frost, David Phillips and Glenn Richard Thatcher.

• Pietermaritzburg:

Christiaan Jacobus Snyman and Venesen Moganathan Naidoo.

Below are brief biographies on the Pietermaritzburg Silks. The biographies of the new Durban Silks will be included in the next issue of *Advocate*.

Venesen Naidoo

Venesen Naidoo obtained a BA LLB from the University of KwaZulu-Natal (Pietermaritzburg). He practised as an attorney for approximately two years and thereafter joined the Bar in 1995. During his illustrious career as an advocate he has built up a substantial civil law practice specializing in personal injury claims and tender disputes.

Naidoo SC has served as a mentor to four pupils, all of whom successfully completed their Bar exams. He has assisted numerous young advocates to develop their practices. Naidoo SC has served on the KwaZulu-Natal Bar Council for three terms. He is sitting as an Acting Judge of the Pietermaritzburg High Court from April 2015 until July 2015.

Naidoo SC is an extremely talented poker player and an avid traveller. He is married and has two children.

Chris Snyman

He was born in Uitenhage in the Eastern Cape and matriculated at Hoërskool Despatch. He studied at the University of Port Elizabeth and attained the degrees B.Juris and LL.B. After his compulsory two-year military service as a law officer, he joined the Department of Justice in Port Elizabeth and worked as a public prosecutor.

He later became a state advocate in the Office of the Attorney-General in Pietermaritzburg. He joined the Pietermaritzburg Bar in 1992 and took silk in November 2014. He is married to Louise and they have two children. **A**

THE CALDOW CUP



DURING the weekend of 8 and 9 November 2014 the KZN Advocates and Bench took on the KZN attorneys in a golf tournament at the Gowrie and Boschoek courses.

The Ryder Cup format was loosely followed with Saturday comprising nine holes fourballs and nine holes foursomes, and Sunday 18 holes singles, all stableford matchplay.

The event was held in a friendly yet competitive spirit. After the Saturday matches the Bench and Bar, under the captaincy of Acker SC, led 4 1/2 to 3 1/2.

The attorneys, captained by Craig Woolley, came back strongly in the Sunday singles to win the inaugural Caldow Cup 9-7.

For the Bench and Bar, Joe Nxusani was a shoe-in for best dressed and arrived looking more akin to a movie star, Mthoko Ngcobo (playing with the team's lowest handicap of 7) sported some remarkably bright pants ala John Daly; and on less important matters, Alan Boule scored the most points for the team with 2 1/2 out of a possible 3. All thoroughly enjoyed the event which will be repeated during 2015. Several players from both teams also took part in an unplanned competition which involved attempting to launch golf balls from in front of the club house across the lake at Gowrie CC in fading light on Saturday evening – the results remain unavailable. **A**