

He proceeded to thank everybody who attended the evening for the time devoted to the affairs of the Bar Association of Polokwane, and especially Judge President Makgoba, for his tireless energy in establishing the Division. He concluded by assuring everybody present that for many years to come the Polokwane Bar Association would render services to the Limpopo Province and its people and that the Polokwane Bar Association would 'never lose its appeal'.

FIRST BAR COUNCIL

The following have been elected members of the first Bar Council of the Polokwane Bar Association:

- William Mokhari SC, the chairperson
- Peter Maak
- Tebogo Frank Mathibedi SC
- Gift Shakoane SC
- Mokgerwa Makoti
- Moipone Kgatla
- Stevens Mathabathe
- Simon Mphahlale
- Mphiri Harold Masilo
- Kgalaletso Molemoeng
- Mahlalela Sophia Masimene

While the end of 2015 saw the launch of the Polokwane Bar Association, 25 January 2016 saw the official launch of the High Court in Polokwane. This is the seat of the Limpopo Division and has jurisdiction over all of the Limpopo Province. Now the province has two High Courts: the Limpopo Division in Polokwane and the Local Division in Thohoyandou (the former Venda High Court).

The Judge President of the Limpopo Division, Judge Makgoba, was appointed with effect from 31 May last year and the division itself was proclaimed on 15 January 2016.

The following Judges were appointed to act in the Division until 31 March 2016:

- (1) Mokgohloa J
from the KZN Division
- (2) Raulinga J
from North Gauteng Division
- (3) Phatudi J
from North Gauteng Division
- (4) Kgomo J
from South Gauteng Division

The High Court Building in Polokwane has two blocks: Block A is the actual High Court building with six criminal courts and 11 civil courts; Block B houses the following offices: State Attorney, National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), Master of the High Court, Legal Aid South Africa, the Family Advocate and the office of the Chief Justice – provincial Centre.

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