

**NEW SILKS**

Senior status was conferred on the following members:



**Iain Bremridge**

Iain matriculated from Christian Brothers College, Cape Town in 1982 and obtained his BA LLB degree from the University of Stellenbosch in 1987.

After completing his articles at the then Fairbridge Arderne and Lawton Inc. he was admitted as an attorney in 1990. After a short period practising as an attorney and a sabbatical of some three years working on yachts in the Mediterranean and Caribbean, he joined the bar in 1995. His practice is in the field of general commercial litigation with special interest in construction law, company law and insolvency and town planning. He served as an acting judge on the Cape Bench in 2014 and is currently appointed to the AFSA General Commercial Arbitration panel. He was recommended for silk status in 2013 and received his letters patent in 2015. He and his wife Hanlie have two children.



**Paul Farlam**

Paul matriculated from the Diocesan College (Bishops) in Cape Town. He thereafter completed a BA, BA Hons and LLB at the University of Cape

Town; an MPhil at the University of Oxford; and an LLM at Columbia University Law School, New York. Prior to joining the Bar in 1999, he also worked as a clerk to Justice O'Regan at the Constitutional Court in 1995, an assistant to Professor Reinhard Zimmermann at the University of Regensburg, Germany, and a lecturer in the Public Law Department at UCT. He became a member of Group 621 in Sandown in 2008, and a member of the Rules Board in 2012. He was also an editor and co-author of Erasmus Superior Court Practice from 2001 to 2013.



**Tanya Golden**

Tanya matriculated at Alexander Sinton Senior Secretary School in Athlone. She completed her LLB at UWC and her LLM in Labour Law at UCT in 1997.

She also has a LLM in International Business Law from the Washington College of Law at AU, USA. Tanya is a Hubert Humphrey Fulbright Scholar and lived in Washington DC for the duration of the fellowship where she also worked in the Legal Department of the World Bank. Tanya commenced practice at the Bar in 1998. Her areas of practice are labour law, administrative law and commercial law. She has a love for the Overberg from where her family comes, and is blessed with a son, Jonathan. Tanya was recommended for Silk in 2013 and her Letters Patent were received in October 2015.



**Derek Harms**

Derek hails from the Pretoria Bar and has been at the Bar for 20 odd years in total. After obtaining his BA and LLB degrees from Unisa, he completed postgraduate studies in Intellectual Property Law at the University of London.

He specialises in Intellectual Property Law and also does general commercial work. Derek now practises from Bank Chambers, Keerom Street in Cape Town.



**Peter Hathorn**

Peter was an attorney at the Legal Resources Centre in Grahamstown before joining the Cape Bar in 1993. His practice at the Bar has been focused on

land, housing and administrative law matters. Peter is married to Barbara Orpen and they have three children. He is also an enthusiastic trail runner.



**Ranjan Jaga**

Ranjan matriculated from Trafalgar High School District Six, Cape Town. He holds the degrees of B.Proc LLB from UWC. He served as a Magistrate in the Criminal and Civil Courts at Wynberg, Cape Town. He commenced practising at the Cape Bar during December 1990. He has sat as an Acting Judge in the Eastern Cape and Western Cape Divisions. His areas of practice include the law of delict; administrative and constitutional law; commercial law and planning law. He is married to Jayshree and they have two children.



**Michael Janisch**

Michael joined the Cape Bar in 1999, after studying at the University of Cape Town and in Regensburg (Germany). and then working as a corporate

legal adviser in the mining industry in Johannesburg. His practice is primarily in commercial law, with a particular specialisation in tax law. Outside his work at the Bar, he enjoys running (having completed eleven Two Oceans ultra-marathons), cricket (in a purely spectating capacity) and the produce of the Cape winelands. He and Helena have three children.



**Con Joubert**

Con was born in 1962 in the town of Lichtenburg, North West Province, and matriculated at Die Hoërskool Bekker in Magaliesburg in 1979.

From there, he made his way to Stellenbosch University where he obtained a BA Law degree in 1985 and an LLB in 1987. He served articles, and practised as an attorney for two years before joining the Cape Bar

in 1992. He was awarded silk and received his letters patent in October 2015. He served as the chairperson of the Cape Town Small Claims Court for a number of years and still sits as an ordinary member. He is also a past chairperson of the SA Chess Appeals Committee. He is married to Annecke, a conveyancer, and they have two children.. He practises mainly in the field of administrative and local government law. Con enjoys reading, listening to good music and playing golf. An untimely fall in 2013 put paid to a promising, albeit, late developing, cycling career.



**Michelle Norton**

Michelle obtained the degrees of BA and LLB (summa cum laude) from the University of Natal (Durban) and a D Phil from Magdalen College, Oxford, which

she attended as a Rhodes Scholar. She has taught law at the University of Natal and Trinity College, Oxford. Michelle is a former director of the Legal Education, Research and Training Project of the National Association of Democratic Lawyers, where she also served as National Vice-President and Western Cape Chairperson. She joined the Cape Bar in 1999. Her main areas of practice are public law, competition law, communications and general commercial law. She has chaired the Cape Bar's *Pro Bono* Committee and currently serves on the Cape Bar Council and its Transformation Committee.



**Mohamed Salie**

Mohamed matriculated in 1978 at Elsie's River High. He completed his BA LLB in 1981 and 1983 at UWC. He was admitted as an attorney in 1986, and

practised as such until 1999. He joined the bar in 1999. He was recommended for silk in 2013, which was conferred in the same year as that of his pupil master Ranjan Jaga (above).



**Mark Sher**

Mark was born in Windhoek, Namibia. After matriculating he obtained the B.Iur degree (at the then UPE) and his LLB (at UCT), and was employed as

a tutor and lecturer in the Department of Commercial Law at the University of Cape Town, in 1981-1982. He did his compulsory military service in the SA Airforce in 1983-4 as a military officer. In 1985 he joined the Department of Justice and was employed as a prosecutor in the district and regional courts at Wynberg, before being appointed as a state advocate in the then Office of the Attorney-General, at Pietermaritzburg, and later in Cape Town. He was admitted as an advocate of the High Court in 1982, and commenced practice at the Cape Bar in 1989. He has a wide and varied practice, ranging from commercial law (including intellectual property, corporate and banking law) personal injury (including medical malpractice matters), and public law (including health, environmental law and administrative law litigation), to arbitration. He has served as an Acting Judge of the High Court on a number of occasions, and is an accredited arbitrator of the Arbitration Foundation of SA, and the (then) Arbitration Forum. He is married to Barbara and they have two children. Mark's interests include dinghy sailing (he is Rear Commodore of his local sailing club and has spent many a happy Sunday either bobbing about on the water waiting for wind, or fighting the elements trying to keep head above water and his dinghy the right way up), jogging (in his younger days he completed a number of marathons), reading and music.



**André Smalberger**

André was born Grahamstown in 1972, and educated in that town at St Andrew's Prep and St Andrew's College, matriculating

in 1989. He attended the University of Cape Town where he obtained his BA degree in 1992 and his LLB degree in 1994. He also has an HDip Tax from the same institution. Andre completed articles at Silberbauers Attorneys in Cape Town, before commencing pupillage at the Cape Bar in 1997. He was admitted to the Bar in July 1997. Andre is a keen golfer, backgammon player, garagiste winemaker and a great fan of Gilbert and Sullivan. Andre keeps chambers in Cape Town, but also enjoys a busy practice in Johannesburg.



**Jannie van der Merwe**

Jannie was born on 2 April 1959 and matriculated at Groote Schuur High School in Rondebosh in 1976. He obtained the BA

degree at UCT in 1979 and the LLB degree at UCT in 1981. Jannie worked in the Justice Department until 1990, and then travelled abroad for fifteen months before joining the Cape Bar in 1992. His hobbies include hiking and cycling. He has a special interest in advocacy training and pupillage. He has been involved in advocacy training and pupillage since 1998, and currently serves on the GCB's advocacy training committee and is a faculty member of the International Advocacy Training Council. He has also been the GCB's national pupillage convenor for the past four years.



**Pieter van Eeden**

Pieter matriculated at Paarl Boys' High School in 1984 and attained an LLB at Stellenbosch University in 1989. Thereafter he obtained a Master's

Degree in Marine Law at the University of Cape Town and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Maritime Law, also from the University of Cape Town. After being admitted as an attorney and studying in the Netherlands for a year, he joined the Cape Bar in 1994.

He has special interests in Shipping Law, Insolvency Law and general Commercial Law. He has been involved for many years in the administration and conduct of arbitrations. He reads widely and has particular interest in history and economics, architecture and design. He is married to Kathinka and they have seven-year-old twins.



**Pieter Vivier**

Pieter was born on 25 December 1958 in Ceres, Western Cape, where he matriculated in 1976 from Charlie Hofmeyr High School. He obtained

his BA LLB degrees at the University of Stellenbosch in 1982. In 1983 he worked as a public prosecutor in Namibia. Although he was stationed in Windhoek, he enjoyed the benefit of doing circuit court

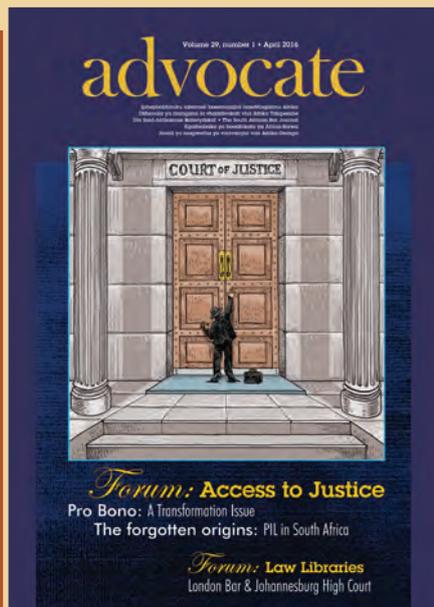
monthly sessions in idyllic settings ranging from Opuwa in Kaokoland, Tsumkwe in Bushmanland and Katima Malulo in the Caprivi. At the end of 1983 he commenced articles to qualify as an attorney, initially at Van der Spuy & Partners in Cape Town and subsequently at J W Rauch & Company in Ceres. After being admitted as an attorney, he practised as a professional assistant at J W Rauch & Company and then Muller Terblanche & Beyers in Worcester until June 1987, when he commenced his pupillage. He has been practising as a member of the Cape Bar since July 1988. Although his practice focuses on banking law, it also includes company law, insolvency law and the law of contract. His application for silk was approved on 5 November 2014, and he received his letters patent in November 2015.

Apart from his family and practising law, Pieter's other interests are flying,

reading, music and walking (long power walks on the beach at Melkbosstrand where he lives). He obtained his private pilot's licence in June 2006. Although it is quite an effort to 'remain current' as a pilot (the law being a jealous mistress), he manages to remain a keen, regular aviator. He also enjoys hitting the dirt roads on his BMW motorbike.



Silk was also conferred on **Janet McCurdie** (pictured) and **Nazreen Bawa**. [A](#)



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