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WELCOMING

The Society held a reception on 9 March 2017 to congratulate Judge Cagney Musi on his elevation to the position of Deputy Judge President of the Free State Division and welcome Judges Joseph Mhlambi and Mpina Mathebula.

New Bar Council

Paul Zietsman SC and Neil Snellenburg SC were re-elected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Bar Council of the Free State Society of Advocates at the annual general meeting held on 25 April 2017.

The other Council members are Peter Fischer SC, Henriette Murray SC, Tiaan Pienaar, Bejile Mene, Lawrence Manye, Laetitia Collins and Nkaiseng Khooe, with Ilse van Rhyn serving as Honorary Secretary.

Acting Appointments

The following members of the Society served as Acting-Judges during the second term of 2017:

- Neil Snellenburg SC
- Seef Hefer

Tribute

A tribute was held in the Motion Court on 1 June 2017 in memory of the late former Judge President of the Free State Division, Jacobus Malherbe. Speakers included retired Judge Fred Beckley, as well as representatives from the Free State Bar, Law Society, Directorate of Public Prosecutions in the Free State and office of the State Attorney.

The proceedings were chaired by the Judge President of the Free State Division and current Acting Judge of Appeal, Mahube Molemela, with Acting Judge President Cagney Musi expressing thanks to those in attendance.

Website

A committee has been established to assist website administrator, Corrie Ploos van Amstel SC, with the Society's site, www.fsbar.co.za. Steps are already underway to update members' information and personalise profiles by adding individual photographs. Based on the hit-count, the Society's website proves to be very popular and it is hoped that by making sure that content is kept relevant and up to date, the site will continue to be a useful tool for members, attorneys and the public.

Bar Photograph

An informal function was arranged by the Social Committee on 8 June 2017 to facilitate the taking of group and individual photographs. Individual photographs are destined for the website, while the group photo is a long-standing tradition at the Free State Bar. [A](#)

