

IN MEMORIUM

In the recent months the KZN Bar has been shocked and saddened by the passing of three members, two of whom were current members and the third being at the Bench.

**JUDGE SIMON "KING" NDLOVU
(d. 18 April 2017)**

Judge Simon Ndlovu was an intellectual giant on the bench. After matriculating from Menzi High School in 1970, he joined the Department of Justice in 1972 as an interpreter. While employed at the Department, Ndlovu embarked on his studies for a Diploma Iuris (in 1976) at the University of Zululand and graduated with a BProc degree (Unisa) and later an LLB Degree from the University of Zululand in 1998. All the while, he worked his way up through the ranks within the Department, with promotions to clerk of the court, prosecutor and magistrate.

In 1990, Ndlovu was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia USA, where he obtained his LLM *magna cum laude*, a phenomenal achievement and worthy testament to his outstanding academic abilities.

A strong campaigner against the injustices of apartheid, Ndlovu participated in the multi-party CODESA negotiations, and remained proud of his input into the drafting of the Electoral Act.

Ndlovu joined the Durban Bar in 2000, passing his pupillage with honours and obtaining the highest marks in the country.

Appointed to the KwaZulu-Natal Bench in 2004 by then-President Thabo Mbeki, Judge Ndlovu quickly earned a reputation as a firm but fair judge, well-liked and respected by his colleagues and practitioners alike. Judge Ndlovu was appointed a judge of the Labour Appeal Court in 2010.

**BHEKINKOSI
JETHRO "BJ"
BUTHELEZI (d. 10
April 2017).**

BJ Buthelezi joined the Durban Bar in 2006, but his career in the law began many years before then. After matricu-

lating at St Augustine in 1966, Buthelezi joined the Department of Bantu Administration and Development as a clerk in the Commissioner's office. While working in the Department, he obtained his Diploma Iuris, BProc and LLB Degrees and from 1972 to 1976, he worked as a clerk and court interpreter, before being appointed magistrate and, from 1986 to 1988, Chief Magistrate.

After the 1994 elections, Buthelezi joined local government, and was a Councillor in the South Local Council of the Greater Durban Metropolitan Council and served as Chairman of the Council from 1997. A passionate campaigner for local government, Buthelezi played an active role in the unification of the eThekweni Municipality in 2000 and served as Chief Whip of the ANC within the eThekweni Municipality from 2003.

After completing his pupillage in 2006 and practicing for a number of years at the Durban Bar, Buthelezi was appointed chairman of the KwaZulu-Natal Liquor Board in 2015.

**IMRAAN MOOSA
(d. 5 May 2017).**

Imraan Moosa was a feature at the Durban Bar, having practiced for nearly 34 years. He was a founding member of the National Democratic

Lawyers' Association and the founding chairman of the KwaZulu-Natal Branch of the Black Lawyers' Association, wherein he maintained an active role as Secretary until his passing.

Moosa was actively involved in the struggle for the liberation of South Africa and supported the Black Consciousness movement through political activities and leadership. He was a human rights lawyer who represented political detainees, more often than not at his own expense.

Moosa was dedicated to the development of others, lecturing at Vista and Fort Hare Universities. He was a published author and editor of the "Frank Talk" and "African Law Review" journals. 

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FIRST BAY GROUP / 502 CHAMBERS FELLOW APPOINTED

Sarah Pudifin-Jones

Bay Group / 502 Chambers (Broster SC, Gabriel SC, Goddard SC, Du Plessis, S Mahabeer and Pudifin-Jones) are pleased to announce the appointment of the first Bay Group/502 Chambers Fellowship in 2017 to further transformation and to assist persons who have recently completed

pupillage and particularly younger advocates with a focus on public law practice.

Building on the strong interest and practice of the Group's members in public interest litigation (including constitutional, administrative, land, international, environmental, and local government law), the Bay Group/502 Chambers Fellowship is aimed at encouraging advocacy in public law and a commitment to public interest and pro bono litigation, and to do so in a manner that recognizes not only the challenges of the past and inequality for many who start out as advocates, but which aims to enhance transformation at the Bar as a key priority for the profession.

The Bay Group/502 Chambers Fellowship will award at least one Fellowship annually (usually at the end of the year, after pupillage exam results have been released, but also at other times in appropriate circumstances) to an advocate who has successfully completed pupillage and wishes to commence practice at the Durban Bar.

Combining all the required attributes with his infectious enthusiasm for life and the law, the first recipient of the Fellowship is Muhammad Zakaria Suleman, who completed his pupillage at the Durban Bar in 2016. Zakaria is a former law clerk in the Constitutional Court (to Justices Theron and Van der Westhuizen) and was featured as one of the top five young Muslim leaders in South Africa in 2013 and in the Mail & Guardian Top 200 Young South Africans in 2014. He has previously worked at SECTION27 as a campaigner for the rights of persons with disabilities, access to healthcare services and the right to food.

We wish Zakaria all the best as he takes up the Fellowship and commences his practice at the bar.

Acting appointments

Two of our members, Liz Law and Nomusa Khuzwayo, held acting appointments as judges in our Division during the past months. [A](#)

2017 Comrades Marathon

Carol Sibiyca

For me the only way of getting to Pietermaritzburg from Durban is by car, and that takes me between 30 and 45 minutes. Others choose to make the same trip, at least once a year, on foot!

This year two of our members, Megan Sponeck and Alan Boule were among those thousands of men and women who took part in this "test of the human spirit".

Alan believes that it is something everyone should do, at least once because "when you are exhausted, dehydrated and alone, you get to find out what you are really made of and how much courage you can actually muster."

It was Megan's 5th race and her most enjoyable. "I was comfortable,

well as comfortable as one can be when running 87km, and crossed the finish line in good spirits. The support was fantastic as usual. Am I running again next year? Absolutely!"

Will I ever be joining Megan and Alan? Having a fair number of half-marathons under my belt already, who knows? We'll just have to watch this space... [A](#)



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