

# North West

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Dr Sejako Senatle honoured by the University of the North West.

We were all saddened by the news that Henry Lever SC, who was one of the early members of this Association and practiced for over thirty years here and in neighbouring Botswana, was to retire with effect from 1 November 2017. Henry and his wife Tina have left Mahikeng and now reside in a retirement village in Kimberley. We wish him and Tina all the best for their retirement together and hope that when they visit Mahikeng, they will also visit us here at chambers.

Pieter Smit has also left Mahikeng and has apparently joined the Port Elizabeth Bar. Poppy Mogolega-Dichaba has resigned due to ill health. We wish Poppy a speedy recovery.

One of last year's pupils joined our Association in January. Lawrence Moaludi hails from Klerksdorp and previously qualified in the United Kingdom as a registered nurse. He practised at the Charing-

Cross and Londonbridge Hospitals in London.

We have eight pupils for the year. Hananja Dreyer, Nthabiseng Makgolo, Telvi Mmako, Mpho Mogorosi, Ofentse Molefe, Tania Molele, Xolani Nyoka and Labius Motsepe. All seem to have settled down to the arduous year ahead and we wish each of them well with their studies.

One of our former members and now an associate member, Dr Sejako Senatle SC, was invited to the prestigious University of the North West Alumni awards ceremony, which was held in Sandton late last year. The awards ceremony is held annually in recognition (as the name suggests) of the post graduate achievements of former students of that institution. Sejako had been nominated for, and duly received, the award recognising his contribution to public life during the course of his career, initially with the National Pros-

ecuting Authority and later at this Bar. We extend our congratulations to him.

Our yachtmaster, Blackie Swart SC, and his wife Karen finally launched their ocean going catamaran this year. As I write this article, their yacht is berthed at the Royal Cape Yacht Club. Karen and Blackie are due to set sail for the Caribbean island of St Martin at the beginning of March. During the course of their forty day voyage over the Atlantic, they plan to stop at the islands of St Helena and St Vincent. We wish them *bon voyage*. Blackie advises me that the promised article on the building of the catamaran at his farm just outside Mahikeng and the voyage to St Martins will be ready for the August edition of *Advocate*.

And there I must end. My recollection is that I penned my first "Bar News" for our Association's contribution to what was then *Consultus* in February 1998 ... how time has flown. [A](#)