

# Gqeberha Bar

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## NEW MEMBERS

The society would like to congratulate our 2023 pupils who successfully completed the Pumula Coastal Region Pupillage Advocacy Training Course and passed the bar examination. Three have officially taken up chambers in Gqeberha and we welcome them as new members. They are:

Hanli Glanvill LLB (NMU) LLM Labour Law (NMU), formerly an attorney having practised at the Office of the State Attorney in Gqeberha, Kaplan Blumberg Attorneys, and Joubert Galpin and Searle Attorneys.

Alexander van den Bos Bcomm LLB (RU), formerly an associate of Burmeisters de Lange Soni Attorneys.

Lyalle Windvogel LLB (NMU), formerly an associate at BLC Attorneys, and most recently a senior legal advisor at Business Partners Ltd.

We wish them everything of the best for their practices and have no doubt that they will make a positive contribution to the strength of the Bar. We also thank Michelle Morgan, Niel Paterson, Lee-Anne Ah Shene, Vuyolwethu Madokwe and Batanda Ndamase for their considerable efforts in facilitating the pupillage training.

Naledi Mkhulisi is awaiting her admission and Zanuyola Bangani's application for membership is presently pending. We look forward to officially welcoming them as new members in due course.

## PUPILS

The Gqeberha Bar has two new pupils for 2024. They are Janine Billie and Sanelisekile Sundu, who shall be undertaking their pupillage under the guidance of Kent Williams and Gaynor Apples respectively.

## ACTING APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to Anusha Rawjee, Jean Nepgen, Siphokazi Cubungu, Leanne Ellis, and Lisa Nstape, who have recently held acting appointments in Gqeberha.

## BAR COUNCIL

At the annual general meeting held on 9 January 2024, the following members of the Gqeberha Bar were elected to the Bar Council: Albert Beyleveld SC, Frans Peterson, Leanne Ellis, Siphokazi Cubungu, Andrew White and Lisa Ntsepe. Neil O'Brien was re-elected as the Assistant Honorary Secretary.

## SOCIAL

In recent months, the legal fraternity in Gqeberha has come together to celebrate not only professional accomplishments but also the camaraderie and support that make the Bar thrive. Two notable events that stood out were the year-end dinner at Muse Restaurant on 23 November 2023 and the annual bar dinner held in the President's Suite at the St George's Park Stadium on 9 February 2024.

The year-end dinner was a night filled with gratitude. Beyond the festivities of

seeing the year to a close, the event was an opportunity to express thanks to the unsung heroes behind the legal minds: the spouses and partners. Recognising the sacrifices made and the unwavering support provided, members of the Bar took a moment to express their gratitude for the understanding shown by the partners and spouses during trying times and the long hours required by our demanding profession.

Moving into the new year, the legal fraternity gathered once again at the annual bar dinner, which saw a remarkable turnout from both the Gqeberha and Makhanda bars; a testament to the sense of unity and collaboration within the legal community.

A highlight of the annual bar dinner was the presence of Supreme Court of Appeal Justice Nambitha Dambuzza as the distinguished guest speaker. Justice Dambuzza brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the event, captivating the audience with insights into the legal landscape and the challenges and triumphs of the profession.

Her address resonated with the attendees, providing a thoughtful perspective on the evolving legal environment and inspiring the next generation of legal practitioners. Her presence added a significant touch to the evening, making it a memorable occasion for all who were present. [A](#)