

Free State Bar

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We are already mid-way through February and while some of us are reflecting on the year ahead, we ultimately have forged forward into 2024.

NEW MEMBERS

The society wishes to congratulate last year's pupils for successfully completing the National Bar Examinations and welcomes Margaurite Froneman, James Grundling and Bianca Jansen as official members of the Free Society of Advocates. We congratulate our new junior members for achieving their professional milestones and wish them well in their respective practices.

A special thank you and acknowledgement to the pupil co-ordinator, Cobus Buys, and all the members of the society who were lecturers and to those members who availed themselves for advocacy training. The society and I are certain that the erstwhile pupils recognise and appreciate the time and effort devoted to them towards the successful completion of their pupillage.

NEW PUPILS 2024

We are also pleased to welcome the following pupils who have been accepted to serve their pupillage for 2024: Poloko Mokhuoane, Qacha Joseph Moletsane, Motshenete Joseph Radebe, Sipeheleke Patric Nongqotho, and Andre Anne Verhoef, (from left to right).

Mokhuoane, the rose amongst the thorns so to speak, joins the society after having served as a candidate attorney at Legal Aid where she was exposed to criminal matters.

Moletsane worked as a legal advisor for the Road Traffic Infringement Agency – an agency geared to encourage compliance with road traffic laws in South Africa.

Radebe joins the Bar after obtaining his LLB through UNISA while in the service of Transnet Fright Rail doing railway track maintenance for the safe passage of trains.

Nongqotho completed his articles in 2023 in Cape Town where he studied and later worked at Nonzoza Potelwa Attorneys from April 2023 until December 2023 when he resigned to join the Bar.

Verhoef is a familiar face in the division as he served his articles of clerkship at one of the local firms, McIntyre Van Der Post. After his admission as an attorney of the high court, he was appointed as an associate, which exposed him to high court and lower court litigation. He completed his LLM in mercantile law and decided to join the Bar.



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ACTING APPOINTMENTS

We are thrilled to see our members JJF Hefer SC, S Boonzaaier and AP Berry acting on the bench this term. Hefer SC and Boonzaaier are no new faces on the bench as they have served stints on previous occasions. Moreover, the society is pleased to see JJ Buys on the bench - he heads the pupillage training at

the Free State Society of Advocates. This should encourage the current and previous pupils who have had advocacy training under his guidance.

To all three of our colleagues, we are certain that their varied practice experience will filter through on the bench, further enriching our division. **A**



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