

# Fly on the wall ...



## POSTCARDS FROM COURT, OR COURT HOUSE LIMERICKS

### BRAAMFONTEIN

For a while there were lamps shining  
(bright)  
Adding ocular pain (if not light) –  
They have gone, it is true;  
There's a half-hour too,  
Just to package your Eisteddfod (tight).

### BLOEMFONTEIN

On the whole there's more telling than  
hearing  
(The uncomfortable chairs not endearing);  
But the beauty is rare  
In the gloomy, dank air  
With reward that still outweighs the  
fearing.

### JOHANNESBURG

If you make it alive getting in,  
While you shudder to think where  
you've been,  
You'd be lucky to know  
That your matter may go  
To a judge who is harassed but keen.

### PRETORIA

Well, the train or the traffic are factors,  
And the Ubers have taxi detractors  
Who may add to the stress  
Of a case that's a mess,  
While the courts are too big for the actors.

### CAPE TOWN

The courtrooms are locked in a maze  
(Googlemaps is as useless as Waze),  
But surroundings are sweeter  
For the Gauteng lunch eater -  
Even gardens to stroll in some days.

### MAHIKENG

By the time you arrive you need rest  
As the road is not always the best  
And in summer it's hot  
In the weird parking lot  
But the robing room's nice (feeling  
blessed).

### DURBAN

From the outside it looks like a mall  
And the courts on the whole are too  
small,  
But a Fly will not curse –  
He has had so much worse,  
And there *is* Oyster Box after all.