



NEW APPOINTMENT

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Namibia has appointed advocate Yoleta Campbell as a member of the Judicial Service Commission for a period of three years, effective from 1 May 2024.

Advocate Campbell was nominated for appointment by the Law Society of Namibia. She succeeds Dr Sakeus Akweenda, whose term ended on 31 January 2024.

Advocate Campbell obtained her LLB degree in 2003 from the University of Stellenbosch. She was admitted as a legal practitioner of the High Court of Namibia in 2008. She completed her pupillage and became a member of the Society of Advocates of Namibia where she continues to practise as a legal practitioner. She also continues to serve as a part-time lecturer at the Justice Training Centre where she has lectured since 2017. **A**

North-West Bar

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PUPILLAGE

The North West Bar accepted eight pupils in 2023. All of them passed the National Bar Examination Board Exams. For the year 2024 the intake is six pupils.

Advocate Danielle Smit and Advocate Gerrit Maree are back assisting in the training of pupils, running workshops for divorces, bail applications and motions. The members who made themselves available in assisting with the curriculum in 2023 have made themselves available once more in 2024 for the following modules: Motion Court (Zelda Williams); Civil Procedure (Keitumetse Mongale); Criminal Procedure (Thabiso Masike); Ethics (Xolani Nyoka); Legal Writing (Khotso Ramolefe SC); and Alternative Dispute Resolution-LPC Curriculum (Thabile Sebitlo).

PRO BONO

In November 2023, the *pro bono* committee of the NWBA went above and beyond what was expected of it in assisting in the appeals weeks, which was spearheaded by Judge President

Hendricks of the North West High Court. The *pro bono* committee assisted in delivering files to the Johannesburg Bar, and in serving and filing of heads of argument of the members of the Johannesburg Bar and some members of the NWBA. The pro bono committee carried out this task at its own expense.

All of the members of the NWBA took part in the appeals week either as acting judges or counsel on behalf of the appellants. This shows a commitment by the members of the NWBA to pro bono initiatives and giving back to the community.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE JUDICIARY

Judge President Hendricks is a former member of the NWBA. In 2022 he made a promise to the 2022 bar council to ensure the development and growth of the NWBA. In 2023 Advocate Morongwa Moagi, Advocate Zelda Williams, Advocate Keitumetse Mongale, Advocate Okgabile Yvonne Dibetso-Bodibe, Advocate Henko Scholtz and Advocate



Mmuso Ernest Mmolawa were called to act in the North West High Court and our members accepted the invitation and acted as judges in the North West High Court.

The relationship with the judiciary in the North West High Court is stronger than ever and the days when we would ask "are our members not good enough to be called to act?" is a thing of the past.

SENIOR STATUS

The NWBA supported the application of Advocate Khotso Ramolefe to take silk. He was notified on 25 March 2024 that he had been appointed as senior council. This is a very big issue for the NWBA because this is the second senior counsel of colour the NWBA has produced since its establishment in 1984. **A**