

BAR DINNER, PIETERMARITZBURG

by **Caroline Dickson**

The bar dinner held on 7 November 2025 was an apposite ending to a productive year for the members practising in Pietermaritzburg.

We were fortunate to be accompanied by members of our esteemed bench, the Honourable Justices Mossop, Seegobin, Bezuidenhout and newly appointed Justice Nirghin.

The evening was, much like champagne, bubbly, joyous, and signified another passage of time wherein the achievements and milestones could be reflected upon in merriment.

Our guest speaker, Justice Seegobin, regaled us with tales of life at the Bar and on the bench which shall remain some of our best kept secrets.

The highlight of the evening was of course the delicious and meticulously prepared three course meal which included choices such as oysters, sashimi, braised lamb, beef fillet and even tiramisu!

We extend our thanks to all who attended and those involved in producing an excellent annual soirée.



Snethemba Ndlovu and Judge Seegobin.



left to right Vusi Mabunda, Judy Singh SC, Abdul Khan, Veli Sibeko.



left to right standing Judge Mossop, Mkhululi Nkomo, Judge Nirghin, Nkosinathi Ndlovu
sitting Anton Flemming, Yoga Moodley SC, Judge P Bezuidenhout, Martin Mtambo.

NEW MEMBERS IN DURBAN

compiled by **Jeshurun Naidoo**

The KZN Society of Advocates congratulates and welcomes the following new members who completed their pupillage at the Bar in Durban. We wish them a successful career with us.



Jeshurun Naidoo
Former attorney



Clemencia Elijah
Former nurse



Nkosinathi Cebelihle Thusini
Former attorney



Courtney Meegan Kantor
Former attorney



Lloyd Mtshali
Former attorney



Naomi Seiti
Former candidate attorney



Mbalenhle Amanda Mthembu
Former candidate attorney



Pakamile Pamla
Former (Major) military legal practitioner



Rainer Motantane Moloi
Former legal and compliance office (pharmaceutical industry)



Jesse Naidoo
Former candidate attorney



Xolani Ndlovu
Former attorney

NOTE ON THE WELCOMING OF THE 2026 PUPILS IN PMB

by **Mawande Mazibuko-Mudau**,
member of the Pupillage Committee

In January this year, the Bar in Pietermaritzburg, in line with its long-standing tradition, hosted a cocktail reception to formally welcome the 2026 cohort of pupils.

This year's group is comprised of 11 pupils, the largest pupil intake in the history of the Bar in Pietermaritzburg. This is a significant milestone in the continued growth and development of our bar.

The new pupils are experienced professionals in their own right. The cohort includes former attorneys from established legal practices, senior government advisors and professionals from the commercial sector. This depth and diversity of experience underscore the calibre of those joining this year's pupillage programme and holds considerable promise that this group shall meet the challenges of the year ahead



Left to right, back row Kushendren Pillay, Kerensa Thomas, Matsepo Sithole, Pavishkar Indrajith, Mpolokeng Parkies and Lizelle Willard. *Front row* Muziwandile Mzila, Ameera Essa, Nonkululeko Mkhwanazi, Sarisha Sarupen and Sikhumbuzo Sgwebela.

The members of the Pietermaritzburg Bar wish the pupils of 2026 all the best as they embark upon this demanding year of pupillage. It is hoped that the period

of training will prove enriching and formative, equipping them with the skills and confidence required for practice.

THE ULTIMATE KICK-OFF FOR HEALTH AWARENESS

by **Zipho Mbuyazi**

Practice is demanding and stressful. Often, it results in skipping the much-needed physical exercise to boost mental and physical health. It was previously reported in this journal that, in an ongoing bid to raise health awareness in the profession, members of the KZN Bar teamed up to partake in friendly soccer tournaments against the likes of Cox-Yeats, Livingston, Shepstone & Wylie, Norton Rose Fulbright, and Pather & Pather Attorneys.

On 23 October 2025, a tournament was held where participants battled it out at the Gateway Mall court and challenged for the Cup. Despite it being a social, friendly competition, our



members fought for the prize and represented the Bar with pride. Unfortunately, the Bar lost in the semi-finals. This year, however, with more support from our members, we

are hopeful that we will perform better. It has always been an imprint of members of the Bar, whether in court or elsewhere, to come back stronger!



UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL LAW SCHOOL'S ELLIE NEWMAN MOOT COURT FINALS

On 2 October 2025, two members of the KZN Bar were invited to sit on the annual University of KwaZulu-Natal Law School's Ellie Newman Moot Court Finals. The Ellie Newman Moot Final is an annual event hosted by the university for four fourth-year students who successfully made it through all preliminary rounds. The 53rd Ellie Newman Moot Court Final was hosted in partnership with the Denis Hurley Centre in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the unlawful detention of human

rights activist Paddy Kearney. This anniversary inspired the theme of the competition: the unlawful detention of the marginalised.

The bench was comprised of Vishalan Naidoo, Muhammad Zakaria Suleman and Justice Leona Theron. After many questions around their arguments, an eventual winner was found: Ethan Hann-Singh. The event was packed with family, friends, faculty and fellow students. What is certain is that the future of the Bar is in safe hands. **A**

