

Namibia Bar

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CONFERMENT OF THE STATUS OF SILK: NATASHA BASSINGTHWAIGHTE

After delaying the announcement whilst she was acting as a judge of the High Court, it is our distinct pleasure to announce that the Bar Council, effective 2 October 2025, conferred Senior Counsel status on Natasha Bassingthwaighte.

Bassingthwaighte SC has made substantial contributions to the profession, the administration of justice and has also empowered others during her distinguished career.

On 22 April 2002 Bassingthwaighte SC was admitted as a legal practitioner and commenced practising under the auspices of the Society of Advocates of Namibia (SOA) on 22 March 2006. Between 2005 and 2015 she served as co-opted councillor, councillor, vice president and president of the Law Society of Namibia, which she has also represented at the International Bar Association. Between 2005 and 2014 she served as a member of the board for Legal Education and lectured Legal Ethics at the Justice Training Centre for several years. She acted as a judge of the High Court during 2017 and again from 16 September to 12 December 2025. She was



pupil master to several pupils, has served on several ad-hoc committees of the SOA and presented sessions at the Aspirant Judges Training Programme. She served on the Bar Council in the capacities of an ordinary member, secretary-general and,

since November 2022, as the president of the SOA.

The Bar Council congratulates Bassingthwaighte SC and wishes her continued success and distinction in the practice of law. **A**

NEW MEMBERS

Having passed the 2025 Bar examination, the Law Society of Namibia issued new members Konrad Jean Marais, Camelot Brinkman and Nico Strydom, pictured here, with certificates exempting them from holding a fidelity fund certificate. They signed the SOA Roll on 12 December 2025, 21 January 2026 and 21 January 2026 respectively.



Nico Strydom



Konrad Jean Marais



Camelot Brinkman