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Welcome to our new Members

We are pleased to announce that the following new members have joined the Gauteng Society of Advocates since May 2025.

- 1.1 Adv Martie Kruger
- 1.2 Adv Elrishia Pillay
- 1.3 Adv Sybrand Botes
- 1.4 Adv Anna-Marie Nieuwoudt

We extend a warm welcome to each of you and look forward to your valuable contributions to the profession and our community.

Dr. Adv. Foster Maluleke

The Gauteng Society of Advocates is proud Dr Maluleke kindly shared his experiences with us:

"I was awarded the scholarship to conduct further research in Poland at the University of Warsaw. During the research stay, I worked under the direct supervision of Professor Beryl ter Haar, the Director of Centre for International & European Labour Law Studies. The programme was funded by the NARODOWA AGENCJA WYMIANY AKDEMICKIEJ (NAWA) and the European Union. I also got the opportunity to present extracts of my thesis alongside fellow PHD candidates from EU based universities. It was during my research stay in Warsaw, that I learned that, in addition to litigation in courts at the national level, institutions exist at the international level which can be used to advance labour rights regardless of the country where the dispute took place. Such institutions utilize soft law mechanisms to resolve disputes".

The limitations of the current regulatory mechanisms resulted in MNEs adopting self-regulatory mechanisms. Furthermore, non governmental organisations such the Fair Wear Foundation, Fair Labour Association and Worker Rights Consortium provided created platform for employees rights have been infringed by MNEs to dispute resolution platform at international level. This platform resolved several disputes emanating from different workplaces globally. However, decisions of the courts which have the binding force, the decisions by NGOs have no legal binding force which affects their efficacy.

The study argues that the probability of ILO member countries reaching consensus in adopting a binding mechanism is quite low. Therefore, the study advocates for a concurrent use of national laws and it fails, for the soft law mechanisms to resolve disputes against multinational enterprises.



Congratulations, Adv Hannes Bosman

Congratulations, Adv Hannes Bosman, on your admission as an Advocate today, 1st September 2025. Thank you Alexia Vosloo-De Witt, for assisting with the admission. Much appreciated.

GSA Pupillage of 2025

By: Adv. Zethu Mpama

As the Gauteng Society of Advocates, we are proud to support and guide our Pupil Advocates through one of the most formative stages of their professional journey. Our pupillage Class of 2025 has already shown admirable dedication, discipline, and enthusiasm as they prepare for the demanding path ahead.

One of the key milestones this year was our Moot Court session held on 19 July 2025. This event was an overwhelming success. The pupils participated with enthusiasm and professionalism, demonstrating not only their growing legal acumen but also a clear understanding of court etiquette and procedure. It was encouraging to see them engage so meaningfully with the advocacy process, asking insightful questions, and learning from both their successes and their challenges.

To further support our pupils in honing their skills, we have established a Drafting Club. This is a dedicated initiative to assist them in developing high-quality legal writing and drafting techniques. This platform encourages collaboration, peer review, and mentorship, ensuring that our future advocates are equipped to produce work of the highest standard.

We are also grateful for the continued contribution of Advocate Ettain Raubenheimer, who is currently hosting a valuable lecture series for our pupils. His sessions have been both informative and inspiring. He has extended an open invitation to fellow Counsel, such as Adv Humbelani Matamela, to participate. Our fellow Counsel participate by sharing their experiences, offering guidance, or mentoring pupils as they prepare for their exams. This collaborative spirit is one of the cornerstones of our society, and we appreciate all those who have come forward to support the next generation.

As we move closer to exam season, we want to take this opportunity to commend our pupils for their commitment and growth. The Society is proud of the progress they have made so far, and we wish each and every one of them the very best as they prepare for their final assessments. Your journey is just beginning, and we are confident that you are well on your way to becoming outstanding members of the Bar.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Counsels, as well as everyone else who assists with Moot Court. Thank you for taking the time to assist our future advocates.

Adv Linkie Matamela
Adv Adv Alexia Vosloo De-Witt
Adv Jacques Minnaar
Adv Zethu Mpama
Adv Martie Kruger



Adv. Zethu Mpama, for your article on our 2025 GSA pupils.
You've done an excellent job with your first piece.

Notice from the Silk Committee

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Silk Committee has approved Adv. Stephen Malatji for Silk.

The Committee has requested that a copy of his application be made available at the reception of Centaur House for members to peruse. Should any member wish to provide feedback - whether positive or of concern please email your comments to Adv. Zethu Mpama, so that the may be included as part of the application process. The time frame for the above - mentioned is from 27 August 2025 to 3 September 2025.

GSA Year-end Function @ Klein Kaap

Esteemed Colleagues,

Please save the date: 22 November 2025 for our Year-End Function at Klein Kaap, Centurion. Adv. Vida Scheepers has requested that anyone attending the Klein Kaap function please contact Vida, so she can add to the Events WhatsApp Group.

Here is some background information about the venue

Kleinkaap Boutique Hotel is known for its pure beauty, oak-lined gardens, Cape Dutch style architecture and rich history. Nestled in the heart of Centurion, hidden amongst lush trees, we provide the perfect setting for any occasion.

Originally started as a 6-bed manor house build in 1928. In keeping with tradition, the current owners, the Malan family, have not only expanded and maintained the original architecture, but also treasure the history and memories captured in these walls. With a modernized approach to service and efficiency, Kleinkaap still captures the essence of escaping the city into nature's richest form while appreciating a meaningful legacy.



Linkedin

The GSA will also be launching pages on LinkedIn. These are still in the early stages of development. Adv. Zethu Mpama will be overseeing and assisting with the LinkedIn profile. Thank you, Zethu, for your support in this regard.

Message from the Chairperson

Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the final months of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your dedication, professionalism, and commitment to the work we do as advocates. Your contributions continue to uphold the values of integrity, justice, and excellence within our profession.

This year has brought both challenges and achievements, and through it all, our collective efforts have made a meaningful impact. I am proud to be part of a group that consistently demonstrates resilience, unity, and a passion for the law.

Looking ahead, I encourage everyone to stay connected and engaged. We have exciting initiatives on the horizon, including our year-end function at Klein Kaap on 22 November 2025. I invite you all to participate, celebrate our successes, and strengthen the bonds within our community.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Let us continue working together to uphold the high standards of our profession and support one another in our shared journey.

Warm regards,



Maryke Pienaar

Chairperson of the Gauteng Society of Advocates

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