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THREE DIRECTORS ENTER NEW SEASON

Three of LLI's long-serving directors, Gordon Pentecost, Roy Monk and Lance Coubrough, have reached retirement age and will be entering a new season of their lives.

After 38 years, **Lance** will officially retire as a director of LLI at the end of February but we are delighted that he will continue to serve the firm and his clients as a full-time executive consultant. Lance offers extensive experience and expertise in commercial, tax, and estate planning matters.

Roy, who will be retiring at the end of February, plans to relocate to Plettenberg Bay with his wife, Elizabeth, to pursue a more relaxed lifestyle. A director of LLI for 30 years, Roy has made a valuable contribution to the firm's commercial litigation and labour law departments and has earned a well-deserved reputation for pro-

viding wise counsel to clients and colleagues alike.

Gordon has been a director of LLI for 40 years, during which time he specialised in High Court and Magistrates Court litigation. He made an invaluable contribution to the firm in his capacity as Managing Director for 20 years, as well as playing a prominent role in the training and development of upcoming candidate attorneys at the Practical Legal Training School. Gordon plans to retire at the end of April in order to explore new ventures but will maintain his connection with LLI as a consultant. He will also continue to lecture, and serve as a national hockey selector.

It is always sad to bid farewell to old comrades and colleagues and the loyalty and contribution of these three men to LLI will never be forgotten. We wish them and their

LLI TO CLOSE DURBAN CENTRAL OFFICE

We would like to inform all our clients that our town office will be closing on 30 April 2016. From 1 May 2016, LLI will continue to service clients and the various courts in and around Durban from our La Lucia Ridge office.

families every success and happiness in the future.

We are, however, delighted to welcome several new members to the LLI team, whose youthful energy and enthusiasm will carry the firm forward into the future.

Sonya Stewart is an experienced attorney who specialises in commercial and matrimonial law. After completing her articles of clerkship and working at an established Durban firm, she relocated to Dubai in 2007.

During her years in the UAE, Sonya gained considerable international experience in contractual and commercial law. In January 2010, Sonya returned to Durban where she worked as an Associate Director in the commercial litigation and international law departments of a Durban firm. In June 2011, Sonya joined Jodi Halkier & Associates and, shortly thereafter, purchased the practice. There, she specialised in commercial law, litigation, and family law. In



Lance Coubrough



Roy Monk



Gordon Pentecost

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September 2015, Sonya joined LLI as a director where she continues to focus on commercial and matrimonial law.

Peter Andrew is an experienced attorney who specialises in litigation as well as commercial and labour law. Peter taught at the Inlinqua Language School before moving to Brazil in 2002, where he worked for the LEX Legal Foundation in Sao Paolo, developing legal course work and lecturing.

In 2003, Peter moved to Japan where he taught at a number of schools and universities as well as assisting individuals and groups of executives in legal and accounting firms. Thereafter, he moved to China, where he ran an export business out of India and

Shanghai. He also lectured a bridging course in international relations at the China East Normal University in Shanghai for six months.

In 2005, Peter returned to South Africa to take up a position with a Durban firm, where he remained as a Senior Associate Director until resigning in 2011 to establish his own firm, Andrew and Associates. Peter currently sits on the boards of and advises a number of foreign-owned companies. In September 2015, Peter joined LLI as an Executive Consultant and continues to specialise in litigation, labour and commercial law.

LLI is delighted to welcome Sonya and Peter aboard and looks forward to a long and productive partnership with them.



Sonya Stewart



Peter Andrew

NEW CANDIDATE ATTORNEYS



LLI's new Candidate Attorneys are, from left: Ishara McKenna, Kirsty Steytler and Kirsty Frances.

At the beginning of 2016, LLI welcomed three new candidate attorneys to the firm: Ishara McKenna, Kirsty Frances, and Kirsty Steytler.

Kirsty Frances qualified with an LLB degree from the University of KwaZulu-Natal (Howard College) in 2014 and went on to pursue a full research LLM through UKZN in 2015. Since studying at UKZN, Kirsty has independently completed several teaching qualifications in tap dancing and Spanish dancing. Although dancing remains a passion and a pastime, Kirsty was excited to commence her Articles of Clerkship with LLI in January 2016 and focus on a career in law.

Kirsty Steytler has worked as a para-legal in our conveyancing department for ten years, during which time she completed her LLB degree through UNISA. Kirsty got married and started a family whilst working and studying and is now looking forward to completing her Articles of Clerkship over the next two years.

Ishara McKenna qualified with an LLB from UNISA in 2013, at the same time earning an Associate Diploma in Music from Trinity College London. Whilst living in the Netherlands, she graduated with an LLM in Public International Law from Leiden University in 2014. In 2014, Ishara received funding as an African candidate to work at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg, Germany. In 2015, Ishara worked at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, working closely with Judges on one of the largest judgments in relation to war crimes that took place during the conflicts in the Balkans in the 1990s. The verdict is expected in March 2016. She returned to South Africa to commence her Articles of Clerkship at LLI in January 2016.

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