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Advocate Andy Bester

Letter from the Chair

Our theme for the year under review, “We’re Out There”, emphasises ProBono.Org’s expanding reach. Not only did we increase our physical footprint (see the national director’s report), but we also significantly increased the number of clients who were assisted. With a record number of more than 11 000 files opened, we enabled access to free legal services not only to those individuals but also their families. We were able to do this through the participation of over 300 attorneys’ firms and the participation of three societies of advocates. This means that ProBono.Org has access to several thousand legal practitioners.

The involvement of the legal profession has enabled us to create a sustainable model of legal service provision for impoverished members of our community. Our model allows us to continue expanding by attracting increasing numbers of legal practitioners who seek to undertake pro bono work. We have created various opportunities for lawyers to become involved and are assisted by the professional rules of both attorneys and advocates requiring that practitioners undertake pro bono work. While we have achieved much, we still have a long way to go. More attorneys and advocates need to be

encouraged to undertake pro bono work willingly and with enthusiasm, committing themselves to make their skills available to the most vulnerable members of our society.

ProBono.Org views it as important to celebrate dedication and perseverance by lawyers committed to providing free legal assistance. The second Pro Bono Awards Ceremony was held in September 2015. The keynote speaker, advocate Thuli Madonsela, reminded us of the importance of making access to justice real for ordinary people. Attorneys, advocates and law students at law clinics were publicly applauded for their contribution to social justice. May the competition get tougher!

Our donor support is pivotal to our continued sustainability and growth. We have been fortunate to receive ongoing support from a number of key donors. We view this as an indication of their belief in our goals and their confidence in our work. We thank all our donors and look forward to their continued support.

Our board of directors devote a great deal of their time to promoting the goals of the organisation and providing support and guidance. Zeenat Dasoo left us in late 2014 but we were shortly thereafter joined by Jacquie Cassette. Since the end of the financial year

under review we have also had to say goodbye to three further members of our board. Claire Tucker, a former chairperson, and Harold Jacobs have both served on the board since ProBono.Org’s inception. Zeenat, Claire, Harold and Candice Pillay have unselfishly given many dedicated hours for the good of the organisation. We thank them.

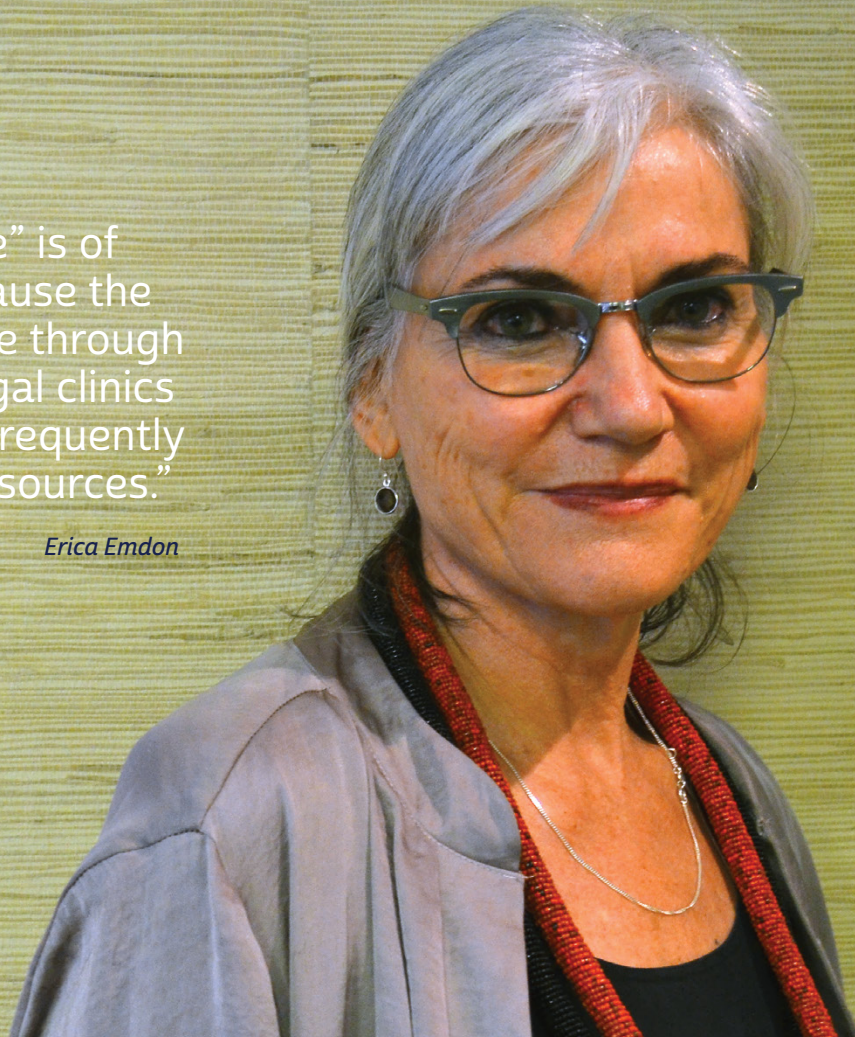
I will be remiss if I do not expressly acknowledge the superb work and dedicated efforts of Erica Emdon, our national director, and her teams in Johannesburg, Durban and Pretoria, without whom nothing would get done. Day in and day out these individuals make a difference far beyond the immediate task at hand.

We hope that our work will continue to be “out there”, both assisting people to gain access to legal services and assisting legal professionals to play their part in promoting the ideals of our Constitution and the rule of law.

Adv Andy Bester
Johannesburg Bar Council

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Erica Emdon



National Director's Report

As 2016 advances with increasing speed, I look back over the past years and believe that our theme for this year, “We’re Out There” is most appropriate. I have been at ProBono.Org since we opened our doors on 1 October 2006, almost ten years ago, and watched our footprint extend. When we started out we were located in a tiny office at Schreiner Chambers in downtown Johannesburg and were a little-known NGO.

In 2009, we ventured out into the wider world, moving our office to the Constitution Hill precinct and although our work was still confined to Johannesburg, our thoughts and plans were beginning to take us further afield.

In 2010 things changed. We opened our Durban office, bravely stepping out into the province of KwaZulu-Natal. We initiated the community advice office support project in North West, Limpopo and outlying areas of Gauteng, aimed at recruiting law firms from small towns; and we set up our maintenance help desk project at four magistrates’ courts. These courts, at Vanderbijlpark, Vereeniging, Roodepoort and Alberton were locations where women could obtain pro bono legal assistance close to their homes.

It did not stop there. In 2012 we started

a general legal help desk in Thokoza, held community workshops on various aspects of the law in Katlehong and Vosloorus and recruited law firms from Germiston, Edenvale and Bedfordview. The Germiston legal help desk was set up in that year too, followed by a legal help desk at the Palm Ridge Magistrate’s Court.

By September 2012 our two offices were facilitating the delivery of pro bono legal services in Johannesburg, Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Three Rivers, Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark, Rustenburg, Silverton (Pretoria), Orkney, Klerksdorp, Stella, Mmabatho, Mahikeng, Orange Farm, Polokwane, Schweizer Reineke, Vryburg, Brits, Makhado (former Louis Trichardt), Musina, Northam, Tzaneen and Thohoyandou, among many other towns. In addition, ProBono.Org concluded an agreement with the Cape Law Society extending our area of operation to the Cape provinces.

We have continued to get “out there.” In 2015 we opened a third office – this time in Pretoria – enabling us to serve people as far afield as Mabopane, Soshanguve and Atteridgeville.

By the end of 2015 we were holding regular legal clinics at the Master’s Offices in Pretoria, Durban and Johannesburg, at the Randburg,

Germiston and Palm Ridge Magistrates’ Courts, at the South Gauteng and North Gauteng High Courts, at the Durban Labour Court, at the Umlazi, Ntuzuma and Chatsworth Magistrates’ Courts, at FAMSA in Soweto and NISSA in Lenasia, to name but a few.

Why is our being “out there” of significance?

Because the people who come through to our offices, legal clinics and workshops frequently have very few resources. For them, travel costs could easily prohibit them from taking a step towards getting legal assistance and from enjoying the constitutional promise made to them twenty years ago.

Erica Emdon



“greenABLE assists the previously unemployed with physical disabilities by training them to become work-ready.”

Durban Office Overview

In every environment, it is important to keep persevering and progressing. The NGO world, and ProBono.Org Durban, is no different. We constantly seek to ensure that we promote and protect the rights of those who are less fortunate, those who are vulnerable and cannot access legal services without our assistance and those who are simply unaware of their rights.

Many of the people who fit into all three of these categories are disabled. Disabled members of the community generally face a double-edged sword; being both financially challenged as well as being, on the whole, unable to access their rights because of their disability. For example, a deaf person not only cannot access learning material the way an average person can, he or she struggles to access material at all. The deaf community finds most public awareness campaigns largely inaccessible due to communication barriers.

In March 2015, the KZN Deaf Association approached us with a request for assistance to conduct seminars for the deaf community with the aim of preventing deaf clients from becoming victims of crime. This was in light of the number of deaf clients who have required the services of an attorney and the vulnerabilities

faced by the deaf sector, especially deaf women. In addition, members of the deaf community needed to be educated about their basic rights.

We were happy to assist with this project and in fact went a step further in setting up a monthly general advice help desk specifically for the deaf community. From May to November, we saw 53 clients at this help desk. While this may not seem like a large number in comparison with other help desks, we should bear in mind that these vulnerable members of the community would not otherwise have had access to legal assistance. That makes these numbers very significant. We also ran six successful seminars at their offices in Berea, Durban. This project continues to run in 2016.

In addition to this, we began a partnership with an organisation called greenABLE, an NGO in Pinetown that assists physically disabled beneficiaries. This organisation assists unemployed people with physical disabilities by training them to become work-ready. Part of their training is to dismantle used printer cartridges and recycle them, preventing them from ending up on a landfill. We worked with greenABLE throughout the year to educate their beneficiaries on their rights in terms of the law. From February to June, we ran an incredible

series of 66 seminars on various topics in the legal field by accessing the services of pro bono attorneys. This provided the beneficiaries with invaluable knowledge, which would have cost them hundreds of thousands of rands to access without our assistance. We are due to commence with these seminars for a new group of their beneficiaries shortly.

During 2015, we therefore widened our outreach to a whole new level. The number of community seminars and workshops increased from approximately 15 in 2014 to a total of 102 in 2015! This definitely shows that “We’re out there!”

Shamika Dwarika
Durban Director



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room at our office...”

Neo Chokoe

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Pretoria office

As an increasing amount of referrals of pro bono work come from Tshwane and surrounding areas, it made sense to open an office to service these regions.

The Pretoria office at the Kutlwano Democracy Centre in Visagie Street was officially launched on 6 May 2015 as a joint venture with the Law Society of the Northern Provinces (LSNP). We manage a shared office with staff seconded from the LSNP and an attorney employed by ProBono.Org with the aim of recruiting pro bono attorneys willing to assist clients in the greater Tshwane area and as far north as the Limpopo province.

In his keynote address at the launch, the Honourable Justice Jody Kollapen emphasised the importance of the private legal profession in society and discussed the role of the law in South Africa's context of poverty and unemployment. "For the law to be meaningful, people need to know the law and have access to the law," he said.

We launched help desks on 27 July 2015 at the North Gauteng High Court and the Master's Office, Pretoria, where members of the public receive free legal assistance from qualified pro bono attorneys and advocates. This project has received considerable


support from lawyers in Pretoria and surrounding areas, and we now have 30 firms of attorneys on our panel providing free legal services to our clients.

In support of the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children, we held a domestic violence legal clinic at the Pretoria Magistrate's Court on 26 November 2015 and this clinic continues to run as a result of the high level of demand.

We have provided support to community advice offices in the area of Limpopo and Mabopane by ensuring that lawyers assist with training paralegals and communities. The ProBono.Org office functions as a social justice hub for most of the community advice offices in areas north of Pretoria and we will see the office expanding its reach further to North West in 2016.

Every day up to 40 people sit in our small waiting room, bringing a range of problems from deceased estate issues and unfair dismissals, to housing and maintenance matters. We hope our endeavours at this office will go some way to ameliorating their plight.

Neo Chokoe
Pretoria Manager



“As you already know, through lifting others we lift ourselves... Just for doing the work you are doing advancing social justice by lifting others, you too are winners...”

Photograph: Yolanda van der Stoep

Second Pro Bono Awards Ceremony held at Constitution Hill

This year's ceremony shifted the basis of the awards from measuring pro bono hours to focusing on the impact of the nominees' cases, in addition to extending the categories by recognising the contribution of legal NGOs, students at university law clinics and attorneys protecting the rights of children. We were honoured to have the Public Protector as our guest speaker. Her words of inspiration and support need to be remembered and quoted.

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Your role as providers of free legal advice and representation to those who cannot afford can never be overestimated. Access to justice, incorporating access to legal advice and or representation, is one of the essentials of the rule of law.

Our forward thinking Constitution promises everyone "the right to have their dispute resolved by the application of law decided in a fair public hearing before a court or, where appropriate, another independent and impartial tribunal or forum".

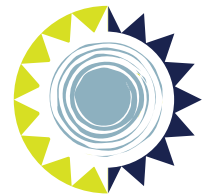
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I hope you will agree with me that the essence of access to justice is the opportunity for a victim of injustice or person involved in a dispute to readily access a forum that can listen to his or her grievance and/or resolve their dispute in a fair and expeditious manner that leads to redress where deserved.

It's not enough that the system is fair; it must be manifest or experienced as fair. This is another entry point for pro bono legal services. Free legal advice can and has over the years assisted by enhancing the right to understand and to be understood. In this regard, ensuring legal empowerment of the poor transcends legal advice/representation and includes legal education. Legal education also has the added dimension of preventing or reducing infringement.

Knowing the law and related regulatory frameworks empowers all to participate meaningfully in democracy, development and other societal processes. It further fosters respect for the rule of law."

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The award finalists and winners were:

Most Impactful case

Webber Wentzel – *Emolument Attachment Orders case (winner)*

Norton Rose Fulbright – *Transkei land claim case (finalist)*

Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr – *Access to information: National Key Points (finalist)*

Individual Attorney

Moray Hathorn, Webber Wentzel – *16 years of pro bono work (winner)*

Egon Oswald – *St Albans prison torture case (finalist)*

Sushila Dhever, Fasken Martineau – *setting up domestic violence legal clinics in Soweto and Lenasia (finalist)*

Children's Rights Defender

Hogan Lovells – *Teddy Bear Clinic project: court preparation training (winner)*

Webber Wentzel Pro Bono Practice Group – *law reform in relation to children with mental illness (finalist)*

Bowman Gilfillan – *work with ProBono.Org's One Child a Year Campaign (finalist)*

Student at a university law clinic

Danelle Prinsloo – *Pretoria University Law Clinic (winner)*

Mxolisi Ngubane – *Wits University Law Clinic (finalist)*

Kyle Lupke – *KZN University Law Clinic (finalist)*

Human Rights Champion

Southern Africa Litigation Centre – *4 cases in 2014, including Zimbabwean torture case (winner)*

Centre for Environmental Rights – *Vaal area environmental degradation access to information case (finalist)*

Rural Women's Action Research Programme (RWAR) – *opposing the Traditional Courts Bill (finalist)*

Advocate award

This was won by Steven Budlender for his work with *Corruption Watch and others*

Erica Emdon, the National Director gave four special awards:

Albert Makwela – *community advice office work work in Limpopo*

Norman Moabi – *work with Funanani Centre law project, Tshwane*

Lesley Maman – *work with the ProBono.Org Master's Office help desks in Johannesburg and Pretoria*

Peter Jordi – *Wits Law Clinic torture cases against the SAPS*



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Special Projects

Our projects are not isolated areas of work, or cases grouped together – they are instruments or tools implemented or shaped by our internal processes and strategies to effect change on a larger scale. We play a much more significant role than simply securing legal representation for clients. The various trends or logjams we have encountered in our work have given rise to a number of special projects. Some of these are outlined here.

One-Child-a-Year Campaign

The One-Child-a-Year-Campaign is in its second year but continues to develop and expand. The project seeks to secure legal representation for children in need.

South Africa's high rate of unemployment, economic inequality, violence, lack of infrastructure, crime and fragmentation have increased the number of vulnerable children. Despite the excellent legislative framework aimed at protecting children, the real lived experience of the child is frequently not protected by this legislation. There are huge numbers of children in need of care and protection within communities across South Africa and, at the same time, few resources are given to them to enable access to the most basic services such as education, health, access to grants and identity documents that need to

complement the statutory provisions of the Constitution and the Children's Act. The fulfilment of the state's mandate to protect children in terms of its own legal framework is sadly lacking.

It is within this context that the nature of the work in this project has become vital, ever increasing and multifaceted. It has also positioned ProBono.Org to effect real systemic change, as the envisioned monitoring role our offices foresaw for our attorneys and advocates when implementing this project in 2014 has proven vastly insufficient. This is largely due to the inherent structural gaps in the child welfare, education, health-care, civil, child protection and justice systems.

In 2015, ProBono.Org and its attorneys and advocates expanded the legal support offered to children because of these gaps. Our legal support now also includes supplementary services such as monitoring child placements at various facilities, ensuring facilities

are registered, facilitating transfers to other care facilities, engaging with stakeholders, forming networks to advocate for specific issues affecting children and making submissions or comments to various state departments on important issues affecting children. These services form the backdrop for the realisation of important constitutional rights for the children we assist.

This campaign realises the following rights:

- The right to a name and a nationality from birth;
- The right to appropriate alternative care (when removed from the family unit);
- The right to basic shelter, health and social services;
- The right to basic education;
- Access to justice; and
- The right to be protected from neglect, violence and abuse.

The realisation of these rights ensues from ProBono.Org's supportive and assistive role with child protection organisations like the Johannesburg Child Advocacy Forum (JCAF) and Impilo Child Protection and Adoption Services (which role was strengthened during 2015). The very nature of the work and the gaps in the criminal,

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healthcare and civil protection systems allow for these ancillary rights to be tackled.

A fundamental right that a child should have is the right to a name and a nationality from birth. One cannot access any other rights without accessing this right from the outset. ProBono.Org deals with a large number of children who do not have birth certificates or identity documents, many of whom have been removed and placed in the child care system due to neglectful or abusive parents or caregivers. This leaves them especially defenceless and susceptible to abuse and neglect.

Although the Children's Act provides for undocumented foreign children to be processed (but not issued with South African birth certificates); and the Refugee Act allows for asylum applications to be made on behalf of refugee children, ProBono.Org sees many children not having either of these options available to them. These children remain undocumented, leaving them exceptionally helpless, without any recourse and in serious need of care and protection. In many cases, the parents or caregivers are unable, for a variety of reasons, to pursue legal remedies or even approach legal service providers.

Despite the large groups of undocumented children in our country, there is presently no legislative provision or practical solution for this dilemma. There is a huge gap within our legal and childcare systems, leaving these children completely exposed.

Despite this oversight, ProBono.Org and other organisations like Lawyers for Human Rights and JCAF have come together to strategise and implement a cohesive plan of action to address this concern. During 2015, various meetings were held to conceptualise a way forward and ProBono.Org intends to facilitate a national forum to advocate for the implementation of a departmental strategy to address this gap on a much larger scale.

Since 2014, ProBono.Org has signed up about 15 attorneys and advocates for the project and has represented about 61 children in more than 50 cases. Some of the cases ProBono.Org dealt with last year involve child protection organisations, NPOs and community based organisations that serve hundreds of children in need, impacting on a much larger scale.

Ultimately, ProBono.Org's goal is to sign up as many attorneys and advocates as necessary to realise our children's constitutional rights to

health, dignity, education, safety and justice.

We are most grateful to all the practitioners who have taken on cases in this project during 2015.

Annelie du Plessis



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Housing

In our housing cases we have found various housing departments uncooperative and disinterested in engaging with us in regard to our clients. Many matters revolve around maladministration of RDP housing developments. Our approach has been to educate our clients on their rights in regard to these houses, understanding our law on property transfers, building standards, how to deal with fraudulent housing transactions and which departments and administrations they should deal with. We hope that through such education our clients are empowered to take these matters forward.

It has been 27 years since the Conversion of Certain Rights into Leasehold or Ownership Act 81 of 1988 was passed. The provisions of this act came into effect in January 1989 with the main aim of ensuring that housing ownership was transferred to occupants of government-owned stock. This act affected mainly black townships in the urban areas.

Over the past year we have seen that many of our housing matters and those referred from the Master's Office help desk are properties that have been converted in terms of this act. One of the main issues that arises is that occupants, who are often family members, had no knowledge of the processes that had been undertaken by another family

member to gain title over the property.

This was the case with the four M brothers. The M family lived in Thokoza from 1971. The father died in 1989 and the mother died in 1991. At the time of their mother's death one brother had remained on the property whilst the other three had left to stay with their spouses or other family members. All along the three brothers were under the impression that the property belonged to their parents, although they had never investigated the actual status of the property, nor were they aware of the processes undertaken in terms of the Conversion Act.

The brother who remained on the property was married in community of property and lodged a claim for the property in terms of Section 2 of the aforementioned act. The title was issued to the brother and his wife in 2001.

In 2015 this brother died. After the funeral, the other three brothers informed the wife that she could remain on the property, but that should she remarry she would have to leave. This was met with much resistance as the wife produced the title deed which confirmed her rights over the property.

The three surviving brothers sought legal advice on the matter as they believed that their parents' property had been acquired fraudulently by the deceased brother. An enquiry was made to the Department of Housing and the surviving

brothers were given copies of the documents which detailed the manner and dates on which the title was issued to the deceased brother.

The main problem in such matters is that the surviving family members often show no interest in confirming ownership of the property and they convince themselves of the fact that the property belonged to their parents as they were the first to occupy the property, regardless of the fact that there are no documents to that effect.

Having seen a number of these types of matters we have had meaningful engagement with the Gauteng Department of Housing who have kept records of all claims and enquiries in respect of conversion properties. We have also partnered with the Johannesburg Deeds Office to ensure that at all community workshops, community members are given the opportunity to confirm the status of the properties they occupy.

Going forward, we will be working with communities to dispel the lack of awareness around property ownership. We hope that working with the Master's Office, the Deeds Office and the Gauteng Department of Housing will assist us in this endeavour.

Tshenolo Masha

“Some of the clients have been turned away by the courts because the spouse’s whereabouts and further personal particulars are not known.”



Family Law

The family law matters we have seen in the past year have followed a familiar pattern, ranging from applications for parental rights, maintenance and guardianship; and applications for protection orders and divorces. The instructions for assistance in these cases are accepted by pro bono attorneys with ease and are often finalised very quickly.

However we have seen a significant growth in requests for divorces where a client has entered into a marriage of convenience. As South Africa is perceived to be a stable country on the African continent and is regarded as a land of refuge and opportunity, we find a number of people from other countries having a desire to be in South Africa. Some foreign nationals want to obtain permanent residence or citizenship as quickly as possible and they end up bypassing the legal process. South African nationals are often enticed into marriages of convenience with a promise of monetary compensation. Teenagers and middle aged women from poor backgrounds often get caught up in these marriages. The foreign nationals come into the country as asylum seekers or visitors and then “rent a spouse” with the aim of obtaining citizenship.

One client approached us requesting assistance with a divorce. She was approached by an agent who specialises in recruiting unemployed females, mostly from the townships, to enter into these kinds of marriages. It appears that a standard initial fee is paid by the would-be spouse, followed by a promise of monthly maintenance of approximately R300.00. Our client never got to meet the actual husband, who stopped paying her in terms of the agreement. She has not seen a cent for the past three years and is now filing for divorce.

It is important to point out however that not every spouse in these marriages is a willing participant; in some cases the women fall victim because they may have lost their identity documents, only to discover later that they are married to a complete stranger from another country.

These marriages not only affect the status of the individual but also affect their credit record as the marriages are frequently in community of property. If the spouse enters into credit or loan agreements or opens store accounts, the debts would be legally binding on the wife by virtue of the said marriage. Some clients only find out about the marriage when they are called by creditors looking for the husband and threatening legal action.

Willing participants who later want to leave the marriage often approach the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) requesting the department to cancel their marriages. The DHA turns them away and they often come to our offices for assistance. The two legal options available to them are instituting divorce proceedings or applying for an annulment. Some of the clients have been turned away by the courts because the spouse’s whereabouts and further personal particulars are not known. The divorce action also becomes difficult as we do not have tracing facilities or tracing agents who can offer assistance on a pro bono basis to track down the said husband in order for us to proceed with either a substituted service or an edictal citation.

Trying to assist a client with an annulment is also tricky and very costly and it has been difficult to get attorneys to take on these matters on a pro bono basis. Even if we do proceed with a divorce, the victim will always remain with the unwanted status of being a divorcee.

In order to assist in these matters, we are doing research to explore other avenues of serving these divorce summonses.

Nomaswazi Malinga



Johannesburg and Pretoria Office 2015

Staff during 2015

Erica Emdon – National Director

Annelie du Plessis – Head Staff Attorney

Neo Chokoe – Pretoria Manager

Charlene Beukes – Staff Attorney

Nomaswazi Malinga – Staff Attorney

Elsabe Steenhuisen – Consultant

Alice Swanepoel – Consultant

Faith Tigere – Legal Advisor

Gift Xaba – Legal Advisor

Margaret Fish – Operations, Grants & Communications Manager

Lorraine Mashava – Data Capturer

Phumzile Ngenelwa – Office Manager

Pretica Singh – Financial Manager

Tshenolo Masha – Paralegal

Josephine Diba – Receptionist

Nkuli Zuke – General Worker

Interns and volunteers during 2015

Nhlanhla Mthombeni – Intern

Thembelihle Kubheka – Intern

Lehlogonolo Marota – Intern, Pretoria

Bernavie N'dzoungani-N'kanda – Volunteer

Harry Hadjiyannis – Volunteer

Jarrad Knoetze – Volunteer

Kelvin Kajuna – Volunteer

Luke Goncalves – Volunteer

Naledi Mahooa – Volunteer

Stuart Strachan – Volunteer





Durban Office 2015

Staff during 2015:

Shamika Dwarika – Director
Shahista Hassan-Khan – Staff Attorney
Petrina Chetty – Staff Attorney
Gugulethu Makhanya – Administrator

Interns during 2015:

Buhle Sibiya
Gugu Nan Ntaka
Lusanda Chili
Sharmila Naidoo



Directors 2015

Andy Bester – Chair
Ayanda Ngubo
Candice Pillay
Claire Tucker
Erica Emdon
Harold Jacobs
Ilan Lax
Jacqueline Cassette
Janet Love
Liesl Williams
Masizakhe Mathai
Mohamed Randera
Spencer Morwe
Sushila Dhever





Financials 2015

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

PRO BONO ORGANISATION
NON PROFIT COMPANY
REGISTRATION NO.
2007/002099/08

	2015	2014	2013
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ASSETS	10 328 681	10 008 756	5 281 461
Non current assets	57 694	96 016	95 085
Equipment	57 694	96 016	95 085
Current assets	10 270 987	9 912 740	5 186 376
Accounts receivable	202 979	208 192	104 255
Investments	4 837 356	4 390 884	- 0
Cash and cash equivalents	5 230 652	5 313 664	5 082 121
Total assets	10 328 681	10 008 756	5 281 461
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES	10 328 681	10 008 756	5 281 461
Reserves	1 988 055	2 039 255	2 119 015
Accumulated surplus	1 930 361	1 943 239	2 023 930
Equipment fund	57 694	96 016	95 085
Current liabilities	8 340 626	7 969 501	3 162 446
Accounts payable	54 665	95 581	90 893
Deferred income	8 128 398	7 769 641	3 000 000
Provision for leave pay	157 563	104 279	71 553
Total reserves and liabilities	10 328 681	10 008 756	5 281 461

STATEMENT OF
COMPREHENSIVE
INCOME FOR THE
YEAR ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 2015

PRO BONO ORGANISATION
NON PROFIT COMPANY
REGISTRATION NO.
2007/002099/08

INCOME

Grants and donations
Interest received

EXPENDITURE

Accounting fees
Advertising and marketing
Annual report
Assets expensed directly
Audit fees
Award ceremony
Bank charges
Computer expenses
Consulting fees
Courier and postage
Directors emoluments
Equipment hire and maintenance
Insurance
Interest and penalties - SARS
Office supplies
Printing and stationery
Provision for leave pay
Refreshments and entertainment
Rent, parking, water and electricity
Repairs and maintenance
Salaries, wages and contributions
Secretarial fees
Seminars and workshops
Staff recruitment
Staff training
Subscriptions
Telephone
Travel and accommodation
Website costs

(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ▶

BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR ▶

TRANSFER TO EQUIPMENT FUND ▶

BALANCE AT END OF YEAR ▶

2015

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Foundation for Human Rights	-	205 920	55 200
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Millennium Trust	701 243	1 000 000	600 000
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KwaZulu-Natal Law Society	162 000	-	-
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