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The President, Council and
Directorate
of the
Law Society of Namibia
wish you and
your loved ones a festive
season filled with happiness,
peace and joy.
Stay safe!

**Merry
Christmas!
and a
Happy New
Year!**

AGM - 4 December 2020

The 2020 AGM took place on Friday, 4 December 2020 at De Kayak and was chaired by Meyer van den Berg, Chairperson 2019/2020.

In the past Lexis Nexis and JUTA usually attended the AGM, but they were not present this year.

We wish to thank **Rene Grimmbacher of Lexis Nexis** for providing vouchers / lucky draws for the AGM.



JUDGE JP KARUAIHE (JPK) TRUST LEGAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The **21st Anniversary** of the Judge JP Karuaihe Trust and the **14th Annual JPK Trust Legal Excellence Awards** ceremony took place on Friday, 4 December 2020 at De Kayak, Windhoek.

For the **8th** time, the JPK Trust Legal Excellence Awards ceremony took place on the same day as the AGM, just prior to the LSN AGM. Since the awards are centred around legal practitioners and law students, the LSN created an opportunity for its members to be present when future legal practitioners and their peers are awarded for their achievements. The JPK Trust was represented by Patty Karuaihe-Martin – Chairperson; Amanda Hauanga - Trustee; Umbi Karuaihe-Upi – Trustee; and Ngamane Karuaihe-Upi – Director.

The History: The LSN's involvement with the Judge JPK Trust commenced in 2006, when the trustees of the JPK Trust approached the LSN to assist them in identifying and selecting deserving winners for the 'legal excellence awards', thereby acknowledging the dedication, efforts and commitment of legal practitioners who are enhancing and protecting the Rule of Law in Namibia and honouring their social responsibilities.

Legal Excellence Awards: The LSN received the names of the best students from the Justice Training Centre and University of Namibia, respectively. With regard to the human rights and social responsibility awards, many LSN members contribute to society but they do not always 'advertise' their good deeds. The LSN invited nominations for the awards from its members.

Vote of thanks: The LSN thanks the JPK Trust for joining hands with the LSN to honour these achievements. The LSN congratulates the JPK Trust with its **21st Anniversary** and wishes the JPK Trust much success with their future endeavours. The LSN trusts that their commitment to providing bursaries to deserving candidates to study law and honouring achievements will go from strength to strength and that the LSN and the JPK Trust will have a long and fruitful relationship.



LSN Vice-Chairperson 2019/2020, Vanessa Boesak, officiated the event.

Patty Karuaihe-Martin honoured the legacy of her late brother, Judge Fonnies Karuaihe and the difference that the JP Karuaihe Trust Fund (JPK Trust) has made amongst the previously disadvantaged communities. The JPK Trust has been instrumental in providing bursaries to over 66 students who have completed their studies and who are employed in various sectors and capacities. The JPK alumni have positively paid it forward by contributing donations and sponsorship to the JPK Trust. In particular, the firm Dr Weder Kauta Hoveka Inc has been one of their key partners throughout these years.



Last year history was made when Luderitz Street was renamed to Judge JP Karuaihe street. The JPK Trust held the first ever 1-mile race in Namibia to honour this event. She urged the law fraternity, to continue sponsoring this noble initiative and to annually participate for the greater good of developing the Namibian law fraternity.

She also made special mention of Andreas Vaatz, where her late brother started his career.



Judge JP Karuaihe Trust: Legal Excellence Award: Best JTC Student for 2019

MONET BRUNDYN achieved an average of 73.92% respectively in all 11 subjects.

Ngamane Karuaihe-Upi and Amanda Hauanga, on behalf of the JPK Trust, presented her with the trophy.

Vanessa Boesak, on behalf of the LSN, presented her with a LSN voucher in the amount of N\$3,500.00.

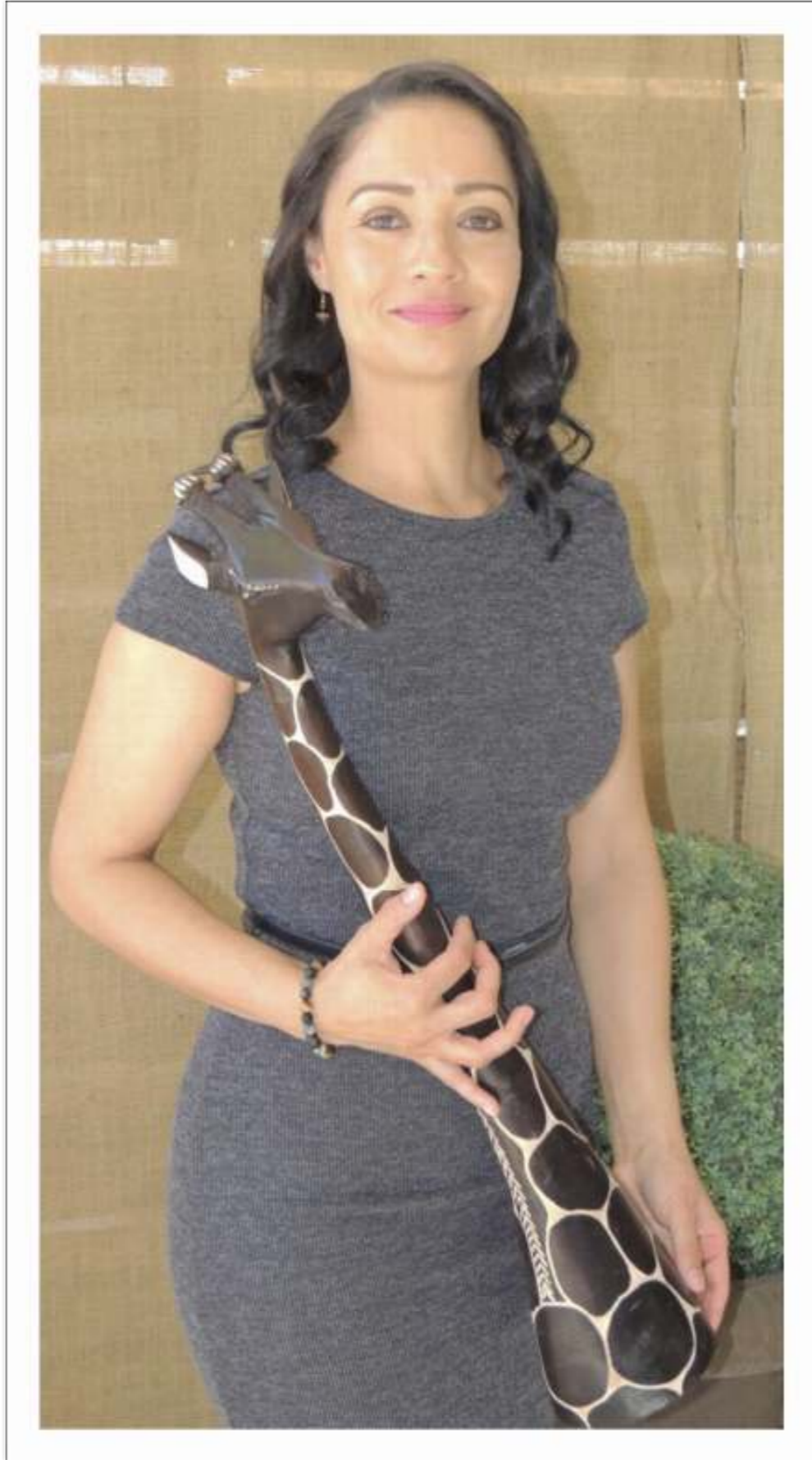


**Judge JP Karuaihe Trust: Legal Excellence Award:
Best Final Year LLB Student for 2019**

PANASHE NHEKAIRO achieved a 72.47% average in the final year LLB programme.

Ngamane Karuaihe-Upi and Amanda Hauanga, on behalf of the JPK Trust, presented him with the trophy.

Vanessa Boesak, on behalf of the LSN, presented him with a LSN voucher in the amount of N\$2,500.00.



Judge JP Karuaihe Trust: Legal Excellence Award for Social Responsibility

VANESSA BOESAK accepted the award, on behalf of the firm **LORENTZ ANGULA INC / ENS AFRICA NAMIBIA**, from Ngamane Karuaihe-Upi and Amanda Hauanga.



Judge JP Karuaihe Trust: Legal Excellence Award for Human Rights

Toni Hancox accepted the award, on behalf of the **LEGAL ASSISTANCE CENTRE** from Ngamane Karuaihe-Upi and Amanda Hauanga.



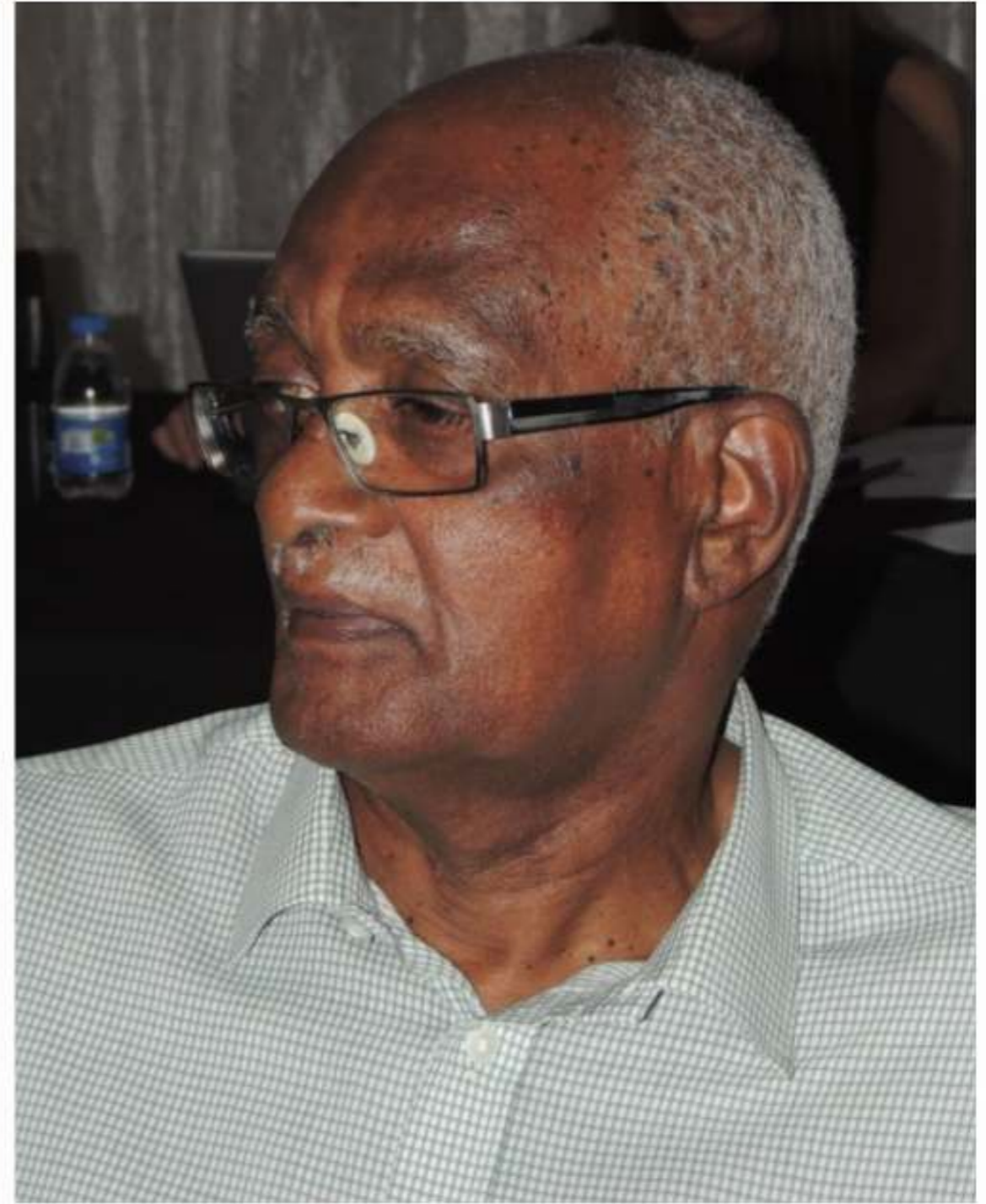


Umbi Karuaihe-Upi (JPK Trustee), Vanessa Boesak (LSN Vice-Chairperson 2019/2020 & representing LorentzAngula Inc / ENSAfrica as winner Legal Excellence Award – Social Responsibility); Toni Hancox (representing the Legal Assistance Centre as winner of the Legal Excellence Award for Human Rights); Meyer van den Berg (LSN Chairperson 2019/2020); Patty Karuaihe –Martin (JPK Trust Chairperson); Amanda Hauanga (JPK Trustee); Etuna Josua (Councillor 2019/2020); Panashe Nhekairo (Legal Excellence Award - Best final year LLB student - 2019); Ngamane Karuaihe-Upi (JPK Director); Monet Brundyn (Legal Excellence Award – Best Justice Training Centre Student – 2019); Jo-mari Koekemoer (LSN Councillor 2019/2021).

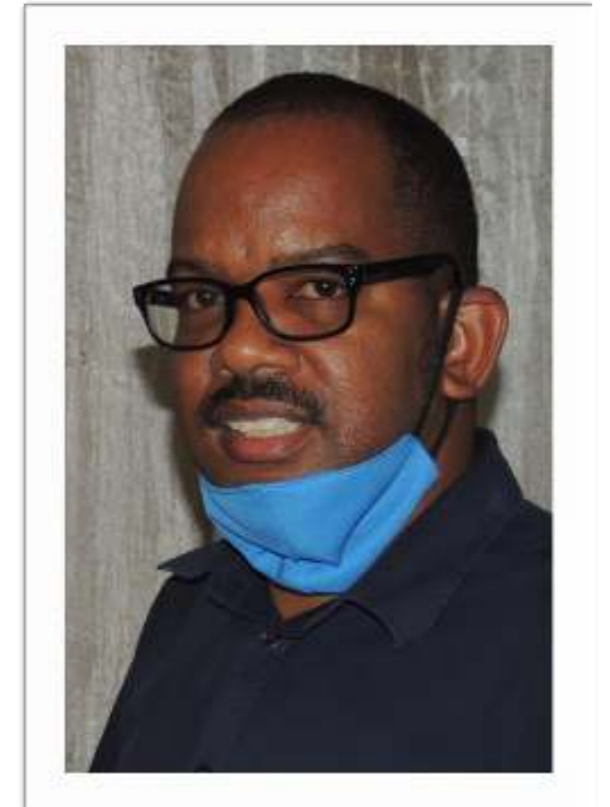


Presentations:

Christof van Zijl of Document Warehouse and Paulo Coelho of Fox Glove Namibia made presentations at the AGM on the process and progress with the implementation of M-Files and the revamping of the LSN's website and its functionalities, respectively.



Two of our senior members who attended the AGM –
Andreas Vaatz and Arthur Pickering.

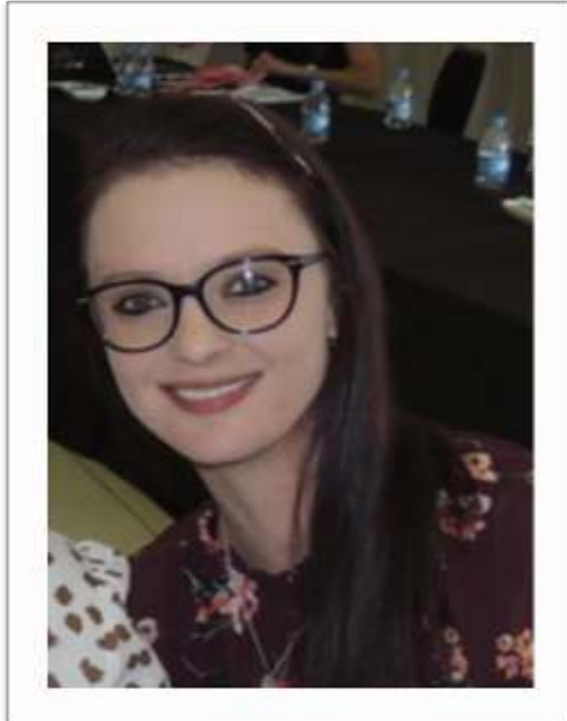


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Lexis Nexis Lucky Draws:

**Chairperson Meyer van den Berg with
Lyana Lardelli
&
Esther Shigwedha**



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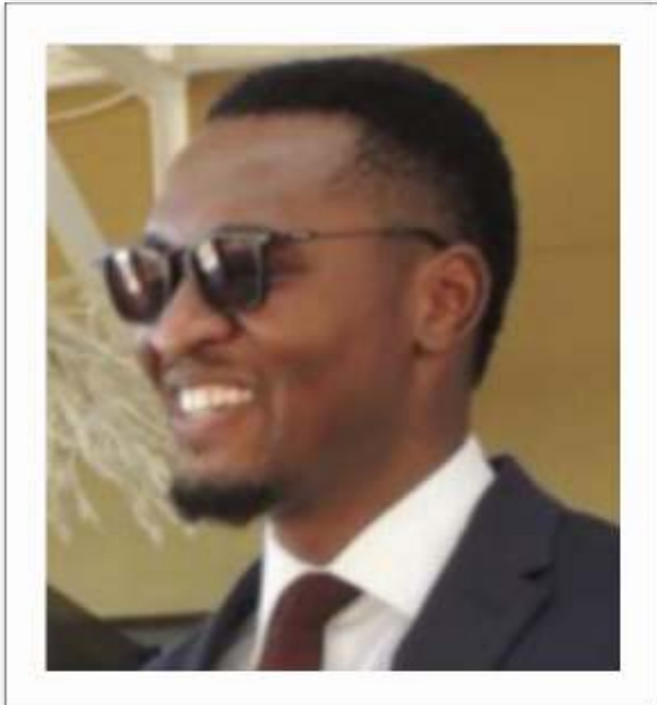
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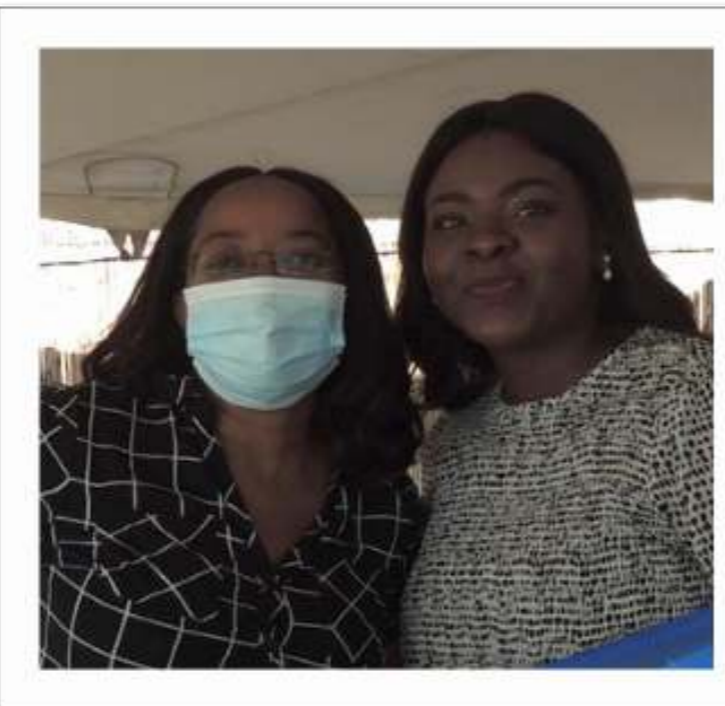


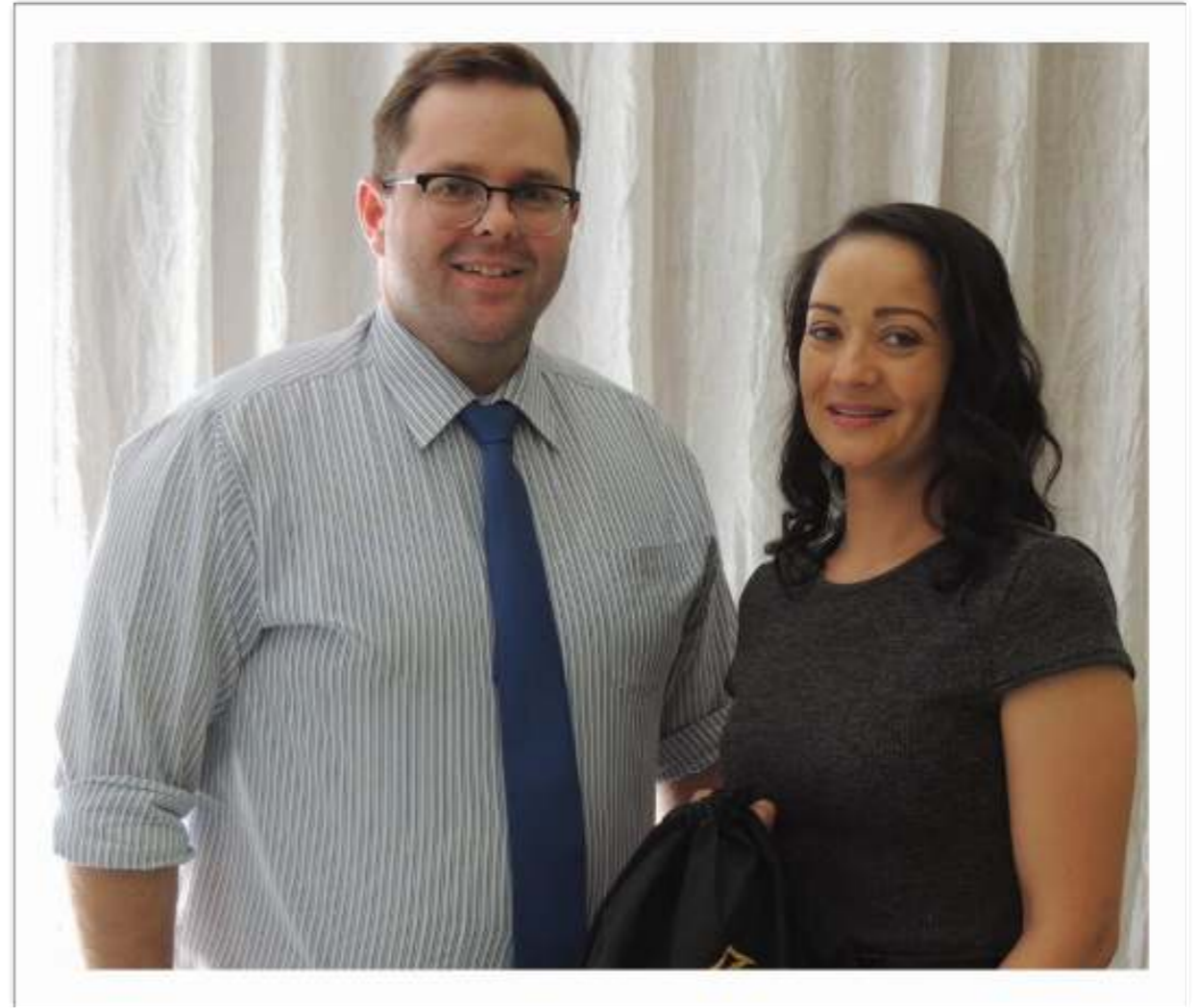
Lexis Nexis Lucky Draws:

Chairperson Meyer van den Berg with
Elize Angula
&
Corinna van Wyk



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Lexis Nexis Lucky Draws:

Meyer van den Berg with
Toni Hancox

&

Vanessa Boesak



AGM 2020 - Scrutineers:
Tashiya Ifo-Walenga & Eldorette Harmse, with LSN Legal Officer,
Granny Paulus.



LSN Council 2020/2021

Four new Councillors were elected at the recently held annual general meeting of the LSN on 4 December 2020. We wish them a successful term.

The newly elected Councillors, which will serve from 2020 to 2022, are (top row from left to right): Ester Kuugongelwa (Chairperson); Pius Ikwambi; Heinrich Jansen van Vuuren; and Matti Mwandingi.

The Councillors who are serving from 2019 to 2021 are (bottom row from left to right): Jo-mari Koekemoer (Vice Chairperson); Vanessa Boesak; Gilroy Kasper; and Appolos Shimakeleni.



Row 1:

Adele Eberenz - LSN No. 1059
Benjamin van der Westhuizen
LSN No. 1060
Aldridge Wallenstein
LSN No. 1061
Athalia Wallace – LSN No. 1062

Row 2:

Ruth Nghishekwa - LSN No. 1063
Loide Auwanga - LSN No.1064
Nolan Ferris - LSN No. 1065
Emilia Nehale - LSN No. 1066

Newly admitted legal practitioners – 4 December 2020

International Institute of Law Association Chief Executives (IILACE): Known by its acronym, IILACE, was established in 1998 as a network to bring CEOs and Directors of law societies and bar associations worldwide together to provide a focused forum to share common interests and ideas, exchange views and information, to discuss challenges and learn more from each other's insights and experiences on a local, national and international level. IILACE represents more than 50 jurisdictions around the globe.

As Director of the Law Society of Namibia, Retha first joined the institute's executive committee in 2008 after hosting a very successful IILACE conference in Windhoek. She has been an ordinary member since 2002. She has served as the president of this institute from 1 February 2018 until 20 November 2020.

This year the conference was slated for Namibia again, this time in Swakopmund, but had to be postponed when the world went into lockdown. During this period, even the international law societies and bar associations had to learn how to better command the digital route.

During 2020, while most jurisdictions were in lockdown, IILACE, as a result of brainstorming under Retha's leadership, provided an initial virtual connection to have roundtables discussions.

The pinnacle of the digital engagements was the virtual conference held on 19 and 20 November for some members and on 20 and 21 November for others, due to time zones differences. This way all members around the globe had the opportunity to participate. The conference focused on topics that can help the CEO.

This conference included the institute's annual general meeting held on 18 November 2020, also conducted virtually for the first time in IILACE's history. At the annual general meeting, Retha, as outgoing President, was acknowledged for her selfless contribution by the International Institute of Law Association Chief Executives (IILACE).

The award was couriered to Windhoek where it arrived at the end of November. It is inscribed with the following text:

Retha Steinmann

President 2018 – 2020

In recognition of your dedication and extraordinary contributions.

In appreciation of your role as IILACE's historian.

DANKIE

The IILACE Vice President, Heidi Chu of the Law Society of Hong Kong, succeeds Retha as President. The rest of the Executive Committee consist of Paul Mollerup – The Association of Danish Law Firms (Vice President), Jonathan Herman – Federation of Law Societies of Canada (Treasurer), Brenda Grimes - Law Society of Newfoundland, Luke Rheinberger – Law Society of Tasmania and Edward Mapara (Law Society of Zimbabwe). John Hoyles is the Secretary General.

Retha continues to serve on the IILACE Executive Committee in the capacity as Immediate Past President.

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