

**PAN AFRICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA  
APPLICATION FOR SILK (SENIOR COUNSEL STATUS)**

**Important Note:** (a) Please note that it is preferable that your photograph appear on the Bar website and on the front page of this application. This is necessary due to the size of the bar and the need for you to be recognised by those who will comment on your application. For assistance in this regard please send a recent digital photograph to Charlotte Williams on [admin@pabasa.co.za](mailto:admin@pabasa.co.za). (b) Any reference to seniority includes seniority as determined in the bars prior to joining PABASA

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Cell Number:</b>
<b>Personal details</b>		
1	Date of birth.	
2	Age at application for Silk	
3	Gender / or identification	
4	Previously disadvantaged individual.	
<b>Academic qualifications:</b>		
5	Year of matriculation.	
6	Year of LLB.	
7	Academic qualifications other than LLB, if any. State date and institutions.	
8	Academic honours - if any.	
9	Number of academic publications, if any - list all chronologically. Add annexures where the space on the form is insufficient	

<b>Experience in Johannesburg before admission to Society of Advocates (Witwatersrand Division) ("the Society)</b>		
10	Date of admission as advocate and Division of High Court.	
11	Date of first admission to PABASA.	
12	State any periods of absence from practice	
13	Employment and professional history: 13.1 State any fact of importance, such as area of expertise; 13.2 Attainment of partnership; 13.3 Positions of leadership in the profession; 13.4 Disciplinary steps.	
<b>Experience as member of the Society</b>		
14	14.1 Pupillage: Year of pupillage; and 14.2 Name of pupil mentor.	
15	Donor of red bag and year of receipt.	
16	16.1 If member of any other society of advocates give details 16.2 State reasons why application is made to this Society.	
17	List all disciplinary matters, if any, overview of charges and outcome.	
18	List all groups to which applicant belonged, and belongs in other Bars.	
19	Name all members or members in other Bars who have been pupils of the applicant (state years).	

20	Name all junior members, who have been led by the applicant and their seniority	
21	Principal areas of practice. (If any area of practice is claimed to be of specialist nature, state specialty and identify the leaders in the field.	
22	Chronological list of reported cases. List chronologically in an annexure if more than 5.	
23	In annexure give overview of three most important / complex cases applicant appeared in within last three years, and identify crisply, the issues involved.	
24	Number of appearances each in Constitutional Court and in Supreme Court of Appeal and other appeal courts or tribunals without a leader.	
25	Give details of all judicial and quasi-judicial appointments, including appointments as arbitrator.	
<b>References</b>		
26	List all judges, arbitrators and chairs of tribunals before whom the applicant appeared in cases of substance, complexity, difficulty or sensitivity over the last three years.	
27	List all silks who have led the applicant and whom the applicant has appeared against over the last three years.	
28	List any unreported judgments of cases, or arbitration awards, of matters in which the applicant appeared and which she or he wishes to draw attention to the committee.	
29	Give details of all positions of leadership outside the bar.	
30	State sources of income other than practice as advocate, including directors' fees.	

31	Give details of all important outside achievements. List in annexure if necessary.	
<b>Contribution to profession /transformation</b>		
32	Give overview of service to the Society, e.g. membership of the Bar executive.	
33	Give overview of <i>pro bono</i> work. Attach pro bono certificates for the two previous years.	
34	Give overview of any transformation initiatives which applicant initiated or participated in.	