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JUDICIAL OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA



JOASA Education Committee Report 2009

1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to report on the activities of the Sub Committee on Education and Training for the year 2009.

2. Membership

The Committee has only two members, namely, Mr Bharat Hansjee, a magistrate at East London Court House, and Mr Majuda Joe Ngelanga of Justice College.

3. Meetings

The committee members has been in contact with each other in various ways.

They met in East London during the first week of May 2009 to discuss the subcommittee issues.

They have used telephonic conversation and emails trying to organize training for the regions. One such training was on the Immigration Act. A training intervention was organised in Gauteng during the end of May 2009. The committee subsequently kept communicating with the aim of roll out this type of training to other provinces.

4. Organising Training Interventions

No training intervention has been organised by the sub committee so far.

The members have been trying to organise training on the **Immigration Act** in the Eastern Cape. This has not been succesfull as yet mainly due to lack of sponsorships. Other provinces have been invited for similar training.

Only Limpopo and North West have shown keenness.

Mpumalanga managed to organize their own training intervention on HIV/AIDS.

Limpopo organised training facilitated by the Department of Land Affairs on land issues .This was without involving the committee.

Other provinces have their regular training organized by the provincial training committees who operate outside the JOASA mandate.

We hope that with more time and co-operation, our plans will reach fruition.

5. Problems Identified

- Lack of co-ordination between the provinces, the president and the subcommittee in identifying training needs and organizing training.
- Lack of co-ordination and consultation between the President, sub-committee, provincial chairpersons and cluster heads in identifying training needs.
- As a result of the above, no training needs are identified
- As a result of the above, each one does his/her own training

6. Recommendations

- Provincial chairs to liaise with cluster heads to identify training needs.
Review judgments should act as a barometer of where magistrates fall short.
- Provincial chairs to taken up identified training areas with both the president and the subcommittee. Remedial action to then follow.
- Where an interesting area of law (outside our daily routine as above)eg aviation law, has been identified, any one who has established contacts to liaise with stakeholders (president & subcommittee) to take this up.

7. Conclusion

Only through synergy and co-ordination shall we achieve our goals.

Working in silo's and claiming easy victories will not help the organization.

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