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■ *New Candidate Attorneys*

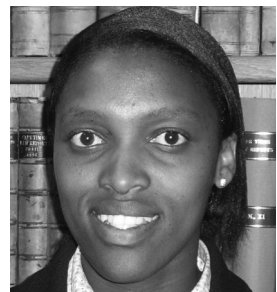
FAIRBRIDGES WELCOMES its candidate attorneys commencing service of their period of articles in 2010. All are hard-working achievers, well motivated to succeed in the profession with proven talents and good interpersonal and intellectual abilities. We wish all of them well in this important period of their training.

- **Samantha Craddock**, holds the degrees of BA LLB from the University of Cape Town. She has an excellent academic record, is fluent in French and has an interesting diversity of interests and work experience.



- **Jannah Downes**, achieved her LLB degree at the University of Pretoria after studying journalism. She gained solid work experience in various capacities, including product brand management, sales and marketing, and as a personal assistant to an orthopaedic medico-legal practice. She enjoys a variety of cultural and sporting interests and hobbies.

- **Unathi Gcilishe**, gained her LLB degree at the University of the Western Cape and six months of further training at the University of Cape Town School for Legal Practice. She is fluent in Xhosa, English and Afrikaans, has excelled in her studies and successfully tackled various training and work assignments.





■ *New Associates at Fairbridges*

WE ARE pleased to announce the appointment of four new associates who have all successfully completed service of their period of articles at Fairbridges and have been admitted as attorneys of the High Court of South Africa. They have all proved themselves to be exceptional prospects and we are confident that they will add substantial value to the firm and to our clients.

Ayanda Shongwe, has been appointed as an associate in our Litigation and Labour departments in Fairbridges Gauteng office.
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■ **Julia Penn**, has been appointed an associate in the Litigation and Medico-legal departments in our Cape Town office.
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■ **Tiffany Scheepers**, has been appointed an associate in our Intellectual Property department.
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■ **Moira Johnston**, has been admitted as an attorney and conveyancer and appointed as an associate in our Cape Town Property department.
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■ *A Sense of Purpose*

“IN his or her very essence, a judge must have an unquenchable thirst for arriving at an outcome that is just and equitable. In the course of doing so, each individual judge owes to himself or herself, owes to each litigant and owes to the public at large the highest level of fidelity. With unflinching industry and sense of duty, a judge must dig deep to ensure that only justice flows from his or her determinations.”

- Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke (September 2009).



■ *Infinite Quest*

“RIGHTS entail complex moral, policy, societal, and cultural considerations. Philosophers and legal analysts have offered numerous conflicting and competing models seeking to explain or categorise rights. However, despite differences about what rights are, analysts often agree that personhood is at their core.”

- Dr. Vusi Shongwe, researcher in the office of the Premier, KwaZulu-Natal (December 2009).



■ *Stand Alone*

“I DON’T have a new client every week. I remain very loyal and take time to learn about their business and people. But you also have to remain very independent to play your role as a lawyer. You have to tell a client if they are making a mistake. I’m not going to just give them the pros and cons of a situation – I give recommendations.”

- Jacques Buhart, French Lawyer, former Chairman of the International Bar Association (IBA) section on Business Law.



■ *Reality Check*

“THERE’S no end to the amount of fussing you can do with a document, whereas there’s a limit to the amount of money someone will pay you to do it. At some point it has to be good enough, and you have to stop.”

- Brian A. Garner, editor of *Blacks Law Dictionary*.



■ *Aged in Oak*

“THE life of the law has not been logic, it has been experience.”

- *Oliver Wendell Holmes (1841-1935) U.S. Supreme Court Justice.*

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