

# THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Conference programme for the 2010 MLA AGM at Le Franschoek Hotel, Franschoek.

Date: Friday, 20 August to Sunday 22 August 2010

## FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST 2010

- 11h00: Registration commences at Le Franschoek.
- 12h30: Lunch is served at Le Franschoek, for delegates. Spouses' lunches available by arrangement.
- 13h30: Session 1 – Discussion of the proposed amendments to the Admiralty Jurisdiction Act No 105 of 1983 ("AJRA") Convenor: Andrew Robinson, with sub-committee.
- 15h00: Tea
- 15h15: Session 1 – Discussion of the proposed amendments to AJRA (continued).
- 17h15: Session ends.
- 17h30: MLA National Exco meeting.
- 18h00: Cocktail party at Le Franschoek.
- 19h00: Dinner at Dish, Le Franschoek. Dress: smart casual.
- Welcome by Gavin Fitzmaurice, Chairman MLA Cape Chapter.
- Introduction of key note speaker by Andrew Robinson, MLA President.
- Key note address by Mr Justice Douglas Scott.
- A word of thanks by Advocate Michael Wragge SC, MLA Vice President.

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SATURDAY, 21 AUGUST 2010

- 07h00: Breakfast for delegates and spouses at Le Franschoek.
- 09h00: Session 2 – Mediation: A talk by Chris Swart, partner of Holman Fenwick & Willan.
- 10h00: Session 3 – English arbitration, with special reference to 2 aspects: The handing in of witness statements and the use of skeleton arguments, and the extent to which these speed up the hearing. A talk by Mr Simon Gault, arbitrator and mediator.
- 11h00: Tea
- 11h15: Session 4 – Arbitration: A panel discussion. Facilitator: Mr Simon Gault QC. Panel: Michelle Linderman, partner of Ince & Co, Andrew Nicholas, partner of Clyde & Co, Matthew Ash, partner of Deneys Reitz.
- 12h15: Session 5 – In defence of the courts: A talk by Advocate David Gordon SC.
- 13h00: Lunch is served at Le Franschoek, for delegates and spouses.
- 14h00: Reserved for possible continued discussion of the proposed amendments to the AJRA.
- 15h00: Wine tasting and chocolate pairing (optional), presented by Waterford Wines at Le Franschoek.
- 16h00: Free time. Afternoon options include the Spa facilities at Le Franschoek, or excursions and sight seeing in and around Franschoek (by arrangement).
- 17h00: Rugby: SA v New Zealand. Large screen television viewing facilities arranged in the hotel's main bar area.
- 19h00: Pre-dinner drinks at the Excelsior Room, Le Franschoek.
- 19h30: Gala dinner at the Excelsior Room, Le Franschoek. Theme: Shipwrecked. Speaker: Advocate Michael Fitzgerald SC. Dress: Fancy dress, in keeping with the Shipwrecked theme. Come as formal or casual as you wish.

SUNDAY, 22 AUGUST 2010

- 07h00            Breakfast for delegates and spouses at Le Franschhoek.
- 09h00:            Session 6 - The Rotterdam Rules: A talk by Harmen Hoek, partner of  
                      Schipper Noordam (Rotterdam).
- 09h45:            Session 7 - Sanctions against Iran, and their effect on shipping: A talk by  
                      Michelle Linderman, partner of Ince & Co.
- 10h30:            Session 8 - Arbitration: The last word, a talk by Professor John Hare of the  
                      University of Cape Town.
- 11h00:            Tea
- 11h15:            Annual General Meeting of the Maritime Law Association.
- 12h45:            Conference closes. Lunch at the hotel will not be provided, but will be  
                      available upon individual request.