

# The 2012

## PENSION LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION C O N F E R E N C E

will take place at the Pavilion Conference Centre, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town

from Sunday 26 to Tuesday 28 February 2012

The Pension Lawyers' Association 2012 Conference will be held from 26 to 28 February 2012 at the Pavilion Conference Centre, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town. On the evening of Sunday, 26 February 2012, delegates and their partners are invited to a welcoming cocktail party. The conference will take place on Monday, 27 February 2012 and Tuesday, 28 February 2012 with a gala dinner on the Monday evening.

All pension lawyers, attorneys, advocates, retirement fund trustees, principal officers, consultants, actuaries, administrators and other interested persons are invited to attend and take part in our interactive and participative conference. As with all the Pension Lawyers Conferences held to date, this conference will provide you with both expert and practical discussions on the latest developments regarding current legal issues related to the retirement funds industry.

### OBJECTIVES FOR THE 2012 PLA CONFERENCE

The retirement fund industry has undergone significant changes in the recent past which have been addressed at previous PLA conferences. However, more changes of a far reaching and transformative nature are lurking in the depths, these in the context of a stormy global economic climate. For this reason we have chosen as the theme for the 2012 conference: "**Between the Tides**".

### PROGRAMME

The following highlights from the conference programme (which are subject to change) include:

- **Keynote speaker:** Jonathan Seres, President of IPEBLA: "Sink or swim – the plight of trustees in their governance of pension funds";
- **Keynote speaker:** The Honourable Justice John Murphy: "Oceans of opportunity – musings on the role of an ombud"
- Graham Damant: "On the horizon - The pension promise - retirement reform in the shape of the National Social Security Fund "
- Naleen Jeram: "Pension lifejacket for spouses and children"
- Rosemary Hunter and Tashia Jithoo: "Waves of change – the controversy surrounding unclaimed benefits and where to house them"
- Bradley Conradie: "Pension and employment law lock horns in the inter-tidal zone"
- Paul Pretorius SC: "GEPF divorce entitlements shipwrecked – the *Wiese* decision salvages non-member spouses' entitlements for now, but will the emphasis on preservation reverse the present access provisions?"
- Alec Freund SC: "Undercurrents in the pension seascape – a case law update"
- Jeremy Gardiner, Director: Investec Asset Management: "Tsunami – Global Debt – the economic climate confronting the retirement fund industry."
- Dr Elmarie de la Rey: "Hanging 10 in the Adjudicator's office"
- Customary items will include: a role-play with a seasoned cast (rum provided); FSB and Treasury updates, a mystery guest and great prizes.

The conference will take place in the magnificent sea setting of the V & A Waterfront and sea themes will abound ...

Sessions will be structured as a mix of plenary discussions, panel discussions and breakaway sessions focusing on specific complex issues.

## **MORE ABOUT THE EVENING FUNCTIONS**

Networking is an essential part of every successful conference and opportunities will be provided for delegates to meet, socialize and network in an informal and relaxed setting at the cocktail party and gala dinner.

### ***Welcoming cocktail party– I & J Exhibitor Room, Two Oceans Aquarium, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town - Sunday evening 26 February 2012***

An informal cocktail party will be held on Sunday evening, 26 February 2012 to ease you into the two-day conference. At the Two Oceans Aquarium, guests will be taken on a journey of discovery for encounters with the secretive world of marine creatures.

Relaxing music will form the entertainment for the evening and canapés and drinks will be provided.

The cocktail party will start at 19:00. Delegates and partners are welcome to join us for a welcome drink at the Aquarium at 18:45.

If you want to attend the welcoming function at the Two Oceans Aquarium, book your place now as **numbers are limited**. The cost to attend the cocktail party is R100 per person (for delegates and their partners) with the PLA sponsoring the additional costs.

The Aquarium is conveniently located within 5 minutes walking distance from the hotels.

### ***Gala Dinner – Baia Restaurant, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town - Monday evening 27 February 2012***

On the Monday evening, Baia Restaurant at the V & A Waterfront will be the scene for our gala dinner. Set in a prime spot at the Victoria Wharf, Baia enjoys spectacular panoramic harbour and ocean views. Experience the best classical and contemporary cuisine, breathtaking views, unsurpassed service, award winning wines and the finest cultivars. While seated in covered outside dining areas spread across four terraces, delegates will enjoy the view of a working harbour and watch passenger liners dock.

The dinner will be a culmination of our comprehensive programme, providing a back-drop for a true industry gathering that will allow you to relax, socialise and network with both friends and peers, and enjoy a night of fabulous food and entertainment.

The dinner will start at 19:30. Delegates and partners are welcome to join us for a welcome drink at Baia at 19:00.

The cost to attend the gala dinner is R150 per person (for delegates and their partners) with the PLA sponsoring the additional costs. If you want to attend the gala dinner, book your place now.

Baia Restaurant is conveniently located within 10 minutes walking distance from the hotels.

## **MORE ABOUT THE CONFERENCE VENUE**

With the magnificent Table Mountain in the background and its expansive views over Table Bay and the Waterfront, The Pavilion Conference Centre offers a glorious setting for business and private events. The Pavilion Conference Centre is conveniently located within Cape Town's expansive and internationally famous Waterfront and a short distance from Cape Town's harbour.

The Pavilion Conference Centre is conveniently situated a mere 20 minutes from Cape Town International Airport.

## **MORE ABOUT THE CONFERENCE HOTELS**

The PLA has been able to secure preferential rates for those attending the conference at the Commodore Hotel, Portwood Hotel and Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge, which is conveniently located within 5 to 10 minutes walking distance from The Pavilion Conference Centre.

### The Commodore Hotel – 4 Star

The Commodore is a Legacy Hotel where stylish living, excellent service and a tranquil setting is standard. Enjoy breathtaking views of the charming 'Mother City' from the upper floors of the hotel's superior rooms.

Rate Single Room	Rate Double Room
R1 360.00	R1 600.00
<i>These rates are per room per night, and include a breakfast and VAT, but exclude a 1% Tourism Levy.</i>	

### The Portswood Hotel – 4 Star

The elegant Portswood not only offers superior accommodation and a relaxed atmosphere, but a uniquely personal approach to service. This commitment to service excellence extends far beyond the needs of the leisure traveller, providing all the amenities business traveller's demand.

Rate Single Room	Rate Double Room
R1 200.00	R1 600.00
<i>These rates are per room per night, and include a breakfast and VAT, but exclude a 1% Tourism Levy.</i>	

### The Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge – Budget/3 Star

The Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge, which is referred to as the most affordable accommodation in the V&A Waterfront, offers various modern accommodation options to suit business and leisure travellers alike. All the rooms at the Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge are comfortable and practically furnished.

Unit/Suite	Rate Single Room	Rate Double Room
Double Business Suites	R1 290.00 per person per night	R1 550.00 per room per night
Double Family Suites – Unit has two rooms with one double bed per room, <b>sharing one bathroom</b>	R1 580.00 per person per night	R1 850.00 per room per night
Quad Family Suites – Unit has two rooms with two single beds per room, <b>sharing one bathroom</b>	R1 580.00 per person per night	R1 850.00 per room per night
<i>These rates include a breakfast and VAT, but exclude a 1% Tourism Levy.</i>		

### Accommodation Reservations

Delegates must make arrangements to reserve their own accommodation and the Accommodation Reservation Forms can be used to make reservations directly with the hotel/s and to obtain these preferential rates. **The closing date for final accommodation reservations is Monday, 2 January 2012**, so please book early if you intend staying at one of these hotels. After the closing date, accommodation will be subject to availability.

### Wireless Broadband / Internet

The Pavilion Conference Centre offers WiFi hotspot technology as well as a Business Centre at which clients are able to use PC's, send email, access the Internet and enjoy other office services.

If you wish to make use of these facilities during the conference, vouchers can be purchased from the Business Centre at the following rates:

- 10MB @ R15.00
- 20MB @ R30.00
- 50MB @ R75.00
- 100MB @ R150.00
- 500MB @ R250.00

The Commodore Hotel and Portswood Hotel has free wireless internet access in the hotel.

The Protea Hotel offers WiFi hotspot technology and vouchers can be purchased from reception at the hotel at the following rates:

10 MINUTES @ R10.00  
30 MINUTES @ R30.00  
60 MINUTES @ R60.00

#### **AIRPORT AND HOTEL TRANSFERS**

Transfers between Cape Town International Airport (CTIA) and The Pavilion Conference Centre will be provided for delegates who have booked accommodation at the conference hotels and the PLA is sponsoring the cost of this at scheduled times only. Scheduled departure times have been arranged at 16h00 and 17h00 from CTIA to the hotels on Sunday, 26 February 2012 and at 15h30 from the hotels to CTIA on Tuesday, 28 February 2012. If you would like to make use of this service, please complete the details on the Airport and Hotel Transfers Booking Form.

#### **PARKING**

Parking at The Pavilion Conference Centre and surrounds will be provided for delegates and the PLA is sponsoring the cost of this. If you require parking, please complete the details on the Registration Form. Please note that if your registration form did not indicate that you require parking, you will not receive a pre-validated multi-access parking voucher at registration and parking will be for your own arrangement and cost.

The Commodore Hotel, Portsworld Hotel and Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge provide secure parking at an additional cost.

#### **DRESS CODE**

The dress code for the entire conference will be **smart casual**.

#### **ACTIVITIES FOR DELEGATES AND PARTNERS**

##### **V & A Waterfront**

The V & A Waterfront is located within the breathtaking setting of a dynamic working harbour and includes over 450 stores, a wide selection of top quality restaurants, boat and helicopter charters, art and craft markets and a variety of leisure attractions.

The V & A Waterfront offers a range of cultural landmarks including museums, historic buildings and exclusive access to one of South Africa's essential heritage sites; Robben Island. All of this coupled with on-going events and entertainment within a vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere ensures that the V & A Waterfront is the heart of your visit. All stores within the V & A Waterfront, with the exception of the V & A Craft Market & Wellness Centre, are open from 09h00 till 21h00 daily. (Excluding Sundays)

##### **Casuarina Spa, Commodore Hotel**

Indulge yourself in a variety of massage treatments and body spa therapies. Take advantage of the facials, manicures and pedicures given by nimble-fingered consultants as well as other specialised skin care therapy and treatments at the Casuarina Premier Wellness Centre located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Commodore Hotel. All activities for delegates and partners will be for their own account. Should you require further information on the above activities or to make enquiries, please contact **Jacques Williams or Nadirah Jassiem** on **021 415-1000** or at [jwilliams@legacyhotels.co.za](mailto:jwilliams@legacyhotels.co.za) or [njassiem@legacyhotels.co.za](mailto:njassiem@legacyhotels.co.za).

#### **CONFERENCE AND SOCIAL EVENT TIMES**

##### **Sunday, 26 February 2012**

Registration – 16h00 to 17h30 **at the Pavilion Conference Centre**

Cocktail Party – 18h45 for 19h00

**Monday, 27 February 2012**

Registration – 07h30  
Programme – 08h30 to 16h20  
Gala Dinner – 19h00 for 19h30

**Tuesday, 28 February 2012**

Programme – 08h30 to 15h00

**Please note that these times are subject to change.**

**REGISTRATIONS**

**Registrations will take place online** and the website [www.pensionlawyers.co.za](http://www.pensionlawyers.co.za) will be open for registration during October 2011. Further details will follow.

The conference fees are as follows –

**Early Bird Conference Fees (Register and pay by 30 November 2011)**

- ◆ R3 950,00 (including 14% VAT) per person for PLA members.
- ◆ R4 400,00 (including 14% VAT) per person for non-members.

**Full Conference Fees (Register and pay by 17 February 2012)**

- ◆ R4 350,00 (including 14% VAT) per person for PLA members
- ◆ R4 900,00 (including 14% VAT) per person for non-members

**Cocktail Party and Gala Dinner**

- ◆ An additional charge of R100.00 (including 14% VAT) per person is payable in respect of delegates and their partners attending *the cocktail party* at the Two Oceans Aquarium.
- ◆ An additional charge of R150.00 (including 14% VAT) per person is payable in respect of delegates and their partners attending the *gala dinner* at Baia Restaurant.

Please note that the PLA membership fee is only applicable to those members who have paid their 2011 PLA subscription.

Registrations will be accepted on written confirmation by Lavinia Hermanus upon **receipt of the Online Registration Form and proof of payment**, subject to the maximum number of delegates that can be accommodated.

**The closing date for registrations is Friday, 17 February 2012** but given that **numbers for the conference are limited**, we would urge you not to wait until the closing date to submit your registration forms.

**ENQUIRIES**

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