



**BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION**

Growing together with trust



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### **BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION APPOINTS ITS FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT**

The Black Lawyers Association (BLA), a premier leading lawyer grouping in the transformation of South Africa, held its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and its annual general meeting on Saturday 10 November 2007.

The AGM resolved on and appointed Andiswa Ndoni as the first female President of the BLA to lead the organization into the future.

"I am very excited about my appointment and the challenges that lie ahead. Following in my father's footsteps, I have a deep rooted passion for law and certainly have legal blood running through my veins!" laughs Andiswa, a working, single mum with two young daughters.

With an enviable track record, Andiswa has been a member of the BLA's National Executive Committee for 6 years, and has been dedicated to the training and capacity building of black lawyers. She headed and founded the first Practical Law School in East London. From there she took over the leadership of the BLA – Legal Education Centre, taking over the reins from Adv. Mojanko Gumbi, the current legal advisor to the President of South Africa, and Adv. Pansy Tlakula, CEO of the Independent Electoral Commission. She repositioned the Legal Education Centre as the leading training centre for black empowerment in the legal fraternity.

"Times have changed and strategies need to change" states Andiswa, "My core focus areas will be firstly, to ensure black lawyers empower themselves to participate in the mainstream economy. Secondly, to be proactive in our social responsibility in making good legal advice easily accessible to the man on the street."

Andiswa was recently appointed to the executive of Teba Bank, "Another very exciting challenge, as Executive in charge of Legal Services and Company Secretary, I am tasked with providing the necessary support to ensure that the Bank and the Board are able to execute their roles as effectively as possible."

Mark Williams, Chief Executive of Teba Bank is proud of Andiswa's achievement, "Andiswa has, in her short tenure with Teba Bank, made a significant impact on the Bank from a legal and governance perspective. We wish her well in her strategic role at the Black Lawyers Association."

## **ABOUT THE BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION**

*"The **Black Lawyers Association (BLA)** is a voluntary association of black lawyers in South Africa. It co-exists with statutory bodies governing the legal profession. The organisation is dedicated to the improvement of the legal profession and is committed to the effective management and development of human potential in accordance with its values and to the promotion of an egalitarian and equitable social order." [www.bla.org.za](http://www.bla.org.za)*

Some of the previous presidents of the BLA, are Judge Phineas Mojapelo, the Deputy Judge President of Transvaal Provincial Division; Adv. Dumisa Ntsebeza SC, a leading advocate in the Western Cape.

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### **ABOUT TEBA BANK**

Teba Bank has a rich history of providing basic financial services to mineworkers and their families for the past 30 years. Teba Bank originally provided this service as Teba Savings Fund, and in 2000 converted to a commercial bank. Teba Bank is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest Registered Bank in terms of asset size and has the 8<sup>th</sup> most recognizable banking brand. The Bank is owned by a Trust managed by trustees elected by the National Union of Mineworkers and the Chamber of Mines.

Teba Bank caters to workers, their families and broader communities with branches on mine premises, in mining towns and rural areas.

Teba Bank's purpose encompasses uplifting communities' especially rural areas in South Africa, through giving each person access to affordable financial services, treating people with dignity and respect, and educating them in managing their finances.

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