

DOCTOR LOUIS DUBB, IN THE YEARS THAT HE SPENT IN THE SIDE-BAR, MUST HAVE DEALT WITH CLIENTS FACING ALMOST EVERY CHARGE IMAGINABLE. HERE ALSO, I MUST RESIST A TEMPTATION TO ASSOCIATE THE WORD 'CHARGE' WITH THE FEES OF THE LEGAL PRACTITIONER, AND RATHER SAY - AT THE RISK OF TOUTING - THAT WHEN HE TOOK CHARGE OF A CASE, HIS CHARGE WAS IN GOOD HANDS. SO ALSO, AS CHAIRMAN OF COMPANIES AND AS MAYOR OF PORT ELIZABETH, HE ABLY TOOK CHARGE OF THE AFFAIRS OF PEOPLE WHO EAGERLY ELECTED HIM TO THESE POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP.

HE HAD MANY A CHALLENGE TO FACE IN HIS CAREER. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, IN THE FACE OF SULLEN OPPOSITION FROM VESTED INTERESTS AND PRIVATE PRIVILEGES, HE REFORMED AND STREAMLINED THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PORT ELIZABETH, FROM WHICH LASTING BENEFITS HAVE BEEN DERIVED. WHEN HE COULD HAVE SAVED HIMSELF HOURS OF TRAVELLING, AND ALSO THE HEADACHE OF SOLVING UNIVERSITY PROBLEMS, HE NOT ONLY CONTINUED TO SERVE ON OUR COUNCIL, BUT ALSO ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE OF ITS HIGHEST OFFICES AND HELD THEM WITH DISTINCTION. IN COMMON WITH MANY OTHER PEOPLE, WE ARE DEEPLY IN DEBT TO HIM FOR HIS SELFLESS SERVICE, AND WE PROUDLY HONOUR HIM TO-DAY.