

Paralegal enjoys enlightening community with advice

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Edward George, 58, from Beacon Valley, has just qualified as a paralegal who assists people from the community by giving legal advice on a voluntary basis.

Edward graduated from the South African Law School.

While Edward was working at the Labia in 2004, an attorney noted his interest in law and offered to pay for him to pursue his dream.

However, a few months later she moved to America, leaving Edward without a sponsor and unable to carry on with his stud-

ies. Edward then found himself unemployed. But after finding a job at a company called Samlic, he managed to complete his studies part-time over three years.

He says: "If you take your time you will achieve your goals."

He says he has always had a passion for people and this is just another way he can help out.

He assists people with everything from debt collecting to wills and estates.

Edward is a proud father and grandfather and says that his family does not mind his busy lifestyle

"They are very supportive and encouraging. It has been this way for years so they are used to it."

He has now applied to be registered as a non-profit organisation (NPO), called E George Legal Advice service, and has made his office available to the community.

He also plans to provide counselling and advice to people affected by domestic violence.

He says that people are not aware of their rights and just accept what comes their way.

He assists them by informing them and then giving them advice on what they can do.

One of the cases Edward is working on includes helping a young man who has been prevented from seeing his child.

He also prepares his clients for

court, informing them of how they should dress and behave.

He says that he is now able to enlighten people with knowledge so that they too can understand the law and how it works.

He says he enjoys giving back to the community and his only desire is to help others.

Edward is also a Justice of Peace which enables him to certify letters, affidavits and other documents.

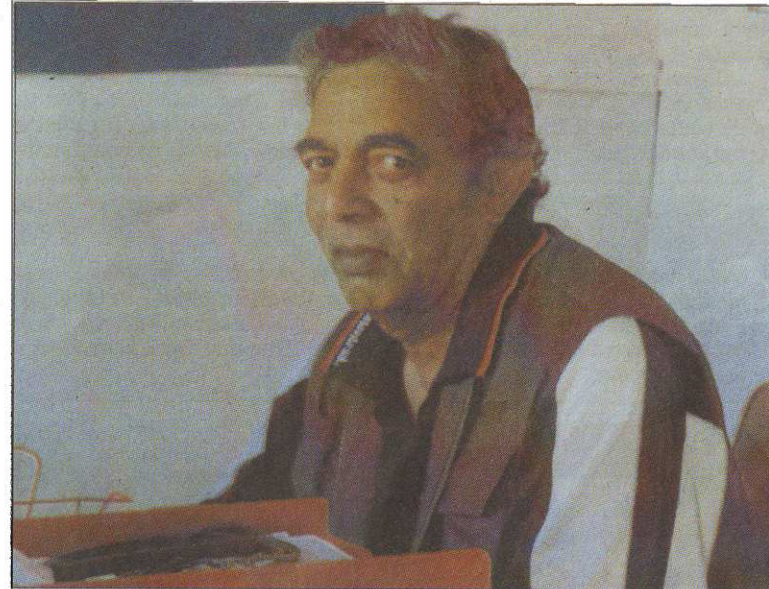
He is qualified to help in the fol-

lowing areas:

- Wills and estates
- Family law
- Debt collecting
- Domestic violence
- Labour law
- Any general legal advice

He wants the community to be aware of the service that he is offering. He is available every day after 6pm and on weekends. His offices are in Symkhana Street in Beacon Valley.

Call Edward on 083 422 5246.



■ Edward George provides free legal advice.