IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG
MONDAY 01st SEPTEMBER 2025

THE DEFAULT MODE OF HEARING OF MATTERS IS IN PHYSICAL COURT

EVEN THOUGH THE DEFAULT MODE OF HEARINGS IS PHYSICAL, JUDGES MAY ELECT TO PROCEED VIRTUALLY

LITIGANTS ARE TO CONFIRM THE MANNER IN WHICH THE HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

IN VIRTUAL HEARINGS, THE LINK WILL BE CREATED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE AND CIRCULATED TO THE LITIGANTS

OPPOSED MOTION

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE FISHER J

9C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WILSON J

9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MFENYANA J

9E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VON LUDWIG AJ

9F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE J. ESTERHUIZEN AJ

INSOLVENCY COURT

8D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WINDELL J

8E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WASSERMAN AJ

8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MARUMOAGAE AJ

UNOPPOSED MOTION

GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUGDE MDALANA-MAYISELA J

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DLAMINI J

GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VAN ASWEGEN AJ

URGENT APPLICATIONS

9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VALLY J

9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHON AJ

INCOME TAX COURT

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MALI J
(VAT2138)

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SIWENDU J
(IT77151)

FAMILY COURT

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE RAUBENHEIMER AJ

11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NDLOKOVANE AJ

SPECIAL INTERLOCUTORY COURT

GB BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MABESELE J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE I DE VOS AJ

SUMMARY JUDGMENT COURT

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WRIGHT J

GA BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAZIBUKO AJ

RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ALLEN AJ

8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE D MOSTERT AJ

FULL COURT APPEALS: CRIMINAL

4A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE YACOOB J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAKAMU J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE JOHNSON AJ
A114/2024

COMMERCIAL COURT

11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MALINDI J
2021/38397

CIVIL TRIALS OF LONG DURATION

11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE BOTHA AJ
2018/28784

8C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MZUZU AJ
2008/43220

GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS

11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE OPPERMAN J

6A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NKOENYANE AJ

6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE AMIEN AJ

6C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE LEVITT AJ

6E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE BHENGU AJ

THE CIVIL TRIAL ROLL BEFORE MUDAU ADJP

THERE SHALL BE NO PHYSICAL TRIAL ROLL CALL.

PARTIES MUST COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAGH 19 OF THE REVISED CONSOLIDATED PRACTICE DIRECTIVE 01 OF 2024 (With effect from 26 February 2024 and amended on 12 June 2024)

LITIGANTS' ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO PARAGRAPHS 16 – 19 OF THE MEDIATION DIRECTIVE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON 22 APRIL 2025

Regarding Practice Notes:

1. *What is envisaged is a practice note filed **shortly before the trial** after a last check on whether a trial is necessary at all, and if so, how expeditiously can it be conducted. Axiomatically this assessment can only be made shortly before trial.*

2. *In several instances, a practice note is filed months before the trial date. This is of **no value** in declaring the status quo on the eve of trial. When matters are struck off because no recent practice note was filed, parties are understandably disappointed. The **recent** practice note is critical to the optimal utilisation of court*

time, and it must therefore be so that it must indeed be recent.

3. *Litigants' attention is drawn to paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of Practice Directive 01 of 2024 which came into effect from 26 February 2024 and which were amended on 12 June 2024. The practice note, prepared in accordance with the practice note templates annexed to the Directive must be uploaded not earlier than **7 court** days and not later than **5 court** days before the hearing set-down. If no practice note is timeously uploaded (or uploaded after the cut-off date), the matter shall automatically be removed from the roll, and the date forfeited. If the practice note is non-compliant with the practice manual or Practice Directive 01 of 2024, the matter shall be automatically removed and similarly the date forfeited. The provision shall be <u>strictly</u> applied.*

4. *LAST DATE TO SUBMIT PRACTICE NOTES:* ***<u>MONDAY, 25 AUGUST 2025</u>***

JUDGES, ACTING JUDGES AND LITIGANTS ARE REMINDED OF CHAPTER 6.9 OF THE PRACTICE MANUAL DATED OCTOBER 2018 WHICH DEALS WITH THE PROCEDURE TO ENROLL PART-HEARD CIVIL TRIALS

NOTE ON CIVIL TRIALS WHERE ON THE DAY IT IS CALLED THE PARTIES ANNOUNCE A DESIRE TO SETTLE

1. Judges and Acting Judges serving in the civil trial court must be circumspect when confronted by parties who seek a stand-down to settle.
2. Valuable judicial time is squandered whilst waiting on an agreement to be produced, if at all.
3. The standard procedure is that if a trial is not ready to run at 10h00 on the set down date it should be removed with no costs order. The judge is then available to take the next case.
4. In a case where the parties do settle in that week, an agreement can be brought to the judge who was presiding for it to be made an order. If settled later, the opportunity to re-enrol it on the settlement roll on one weeks' notice remains available
5. The cases awaiting a judge's attention must not be left to linger and risk being crowded out.
6. The abuse by parties is particularly prevalent in RAF cases.

NUMBER ON ROLL	CASE NO	PARTIES	DATE TRIAL DATE APPLIED FOR	DATE TRIAL DATE GRANTED	ALLOCATION/ORDER GRANTED
PART A: GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS					
1.	2022/019466	SIBUSISO JOSEPH DUBE VS PRASA AND 2 OTHERS			No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.
2.	2023/014603	RASHIDA BATA VS SABIR AHMED ESSOP RAWAT	17/10/2024	24/10/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice – matter is settled

3.	2020/18615	HOSE ANNERENE VS HOSE RUDOLF SIEGFRIED Plaintiff: Adv I Strydom Defendant: Adv M van Nieuwenhuizen Divorce (primary care and residency of parties' minor children; contact with the minor children; quantum and ancillary expenses that the non-resident parent should contribute towards maintenance of children; spousal maintenance; accrual; forfeiture of benefits)– parties are endeavouring to settle If settled, they will call the matter for presentation of the settlement agreement If not settled, they will remove the matter from the roll Pre-trial conference: 19 September 2024; 17 July 2025 Estimated duration: 15 minutes	17/10/2024	24/10/2024	**OPPERMAN J** Secretary: Ms Z Twaku Email: ZTwaku@judiciary.org.za
4.	2020/34835	GRANT SIMONS VS JOHN MUOGHALU AND OTHER **(Removed by notice)**	17/10/2024	31/10/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice

5.	2023-002016	GRAHAM KENNETH DISS VS WESTVIEW HOUSING ESTATE (PTY) LTD Plaintiff: Adv T Lipshitz Defendant: Defendants' attorneys withdrew on 19 March 2025 Money Judgment pursuant to two written loan agreements Pre-trial conference: 14 July 2023 Minutes filed: 14 July 2025 Minutes registered: 09 March 2025	24/01/2024	09/02/2024	**NKOENYANE AJ** Secretary: Ms L Sithole Email: LoSithole@judiciary.org.za
6.	2022/3184	ANDRIES CHRISTIAAN PETZER VS SEC PRO RISK SERVICES (PTY) LTD AND 2 OTHERS	24/01/2024	08/02/2024	No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.

7.	2022/8542	RFC DEVELOPMENT (PTY) LTD VS LABOHLANO TRADING 108 (PTY) LTD AND 2 OTHERS Plaintiff: Adv S Nel Defendants: Unrepresented Plaintiff and first defendant entered into a lease agreement The second and third defendants bound themselves as sureties for and co-principal debtors with the first defendant for all amounts due, owing and payable by the first defendant to the plaintiff The plaintiff contends that the first defendant breached the lease agreement by failing to keep the property continuously open for the purpose of trading and by defaulting on its monthly payments. The plaintiff claimed amounts, which amounts included outstanding rental, operating costs, generator costs and penalties The first defendant instituted a counterclaim against the plaintiff based on damages it allegedly suffered to make repairs to the shop and for the return of the first defendant's alleged movable property Pre-trial conference: 19 September 2023	15/01/2024	09/02/2024	**LEVITT AJ** Secretary: Mr P Nkhumishe Email: PNkhumishe@judiciary.org.za

		Minutes filed: 20 September 2023 Estimated duration: 2 – 3 hours (if defendants fail to appear); 2 – 3 days (if defendants appear)			
8.	2021/22705	INTELLIVIEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD VS LIQUID TELECOMMUNICATIONS SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD	15/01/2024	09/02/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice

9.	2022/540	JOANNE HELEN PAUL N.O AND 2 OTHERS OBO FNB LIMITED VS BIODX BIOLOGICAL CHEMICALS TECHNOLOGIES AND 3 OTHERS Plaintiff: Adv K Turner Defendants: Attorney for defendants withdrew on 15 August 2025 2nd Defendant: Unrepresented Claim 1: A loan agreement was entered into between the DEW Family Trust and the first defendant in terms of which an amount was advanced by the trust to the first defendant The trust did not exercise its rights to convert the loan into shares in the first defendant under the loan agreement Claim 2: In terms of a Share Sale Agreement the trust purchased shares in the first defendant and advanced an amount to the first defendant as a shareholder's loan. The sum was paid by the trust to the third defendant The sum was paid by the trust to the first defendant The second defendant concluded an Agreement of Suretyship in favour of the trust for the repayment of an	17/01/2024	26/01/2024	**AMIEN AJ** Secretary: Ms T Mlangeni Email: TMlangeni@judiciary.org.za

		amount together with interest, and on the terms of the agreement Pre-trial conference: 27 May 2025 Minutes filed: 11 July 2025 Matter is settled Estimated duration: 10 minutes			
10.	2023/064704	IUM (PTY) LTD VS DZUNISANI ALDWORTH MBALATI AND 3 OTHERS	17/01/2024	26/01/2024	No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.
11.	2022/026956	MALHERBE RIGG AND RANWELL INC VS GEORGE HENRY MOSTERT	17/01/2024	26/01/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice – matter is settled
12.	2023/014603	BATA RASHIDA VS RAWAT SABIR AHMED ESSOP (**REMOVED BY NOTICE)**	17/01/2024	26/01/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice – matter is settled
PART B: ROAD ACCIDENT FUND					
13.	2008/43220	LYDIA MTSHALI VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	**Secretarydjp(allocation)**		Trial of Long Duration allocated to MZUZU AJ
MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE ROLL BY NOTICE					

MATTERS NOT ON THE ROLL, COURT FILES ARE NOT WITH ROLL CALLING JUDGE

1. The civil trial roll is submitted to the Office of the Deputy Judge President by the Registrar approximately nine (09) court days before the trial date and was correct when it reached the Secretary of the Deputy Judge President.
2. The roll received from the registrar's office is then posted on the website of the Johannesburg Society of Advocates approximately five (05) court days before the trial date, where litigants may inspect the roll.
3. The failure of the registrar to include matters on the roll must be taken up with the Registrar by no later than five (05) court days before the trial date. For that purpose, kindly approach the registrar, **Ms N Mvumbi (NMvumbi@judiciary.org.za / 010 494 8399**) timeously to enquire about the enrolment.
4. If the **registrar** approves the enrolment, the matter may be enrolled and dealt with. If the registrar declines the enrolment, the parties may apply for a new trial date in terms of the existing Practice Directives.
5. Last-minute enquiries will not be accommodated.
