IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG
WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 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

9C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MANOIM J

9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOMED J

9E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE E DU PLESSIS J

9F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE BARNES AJ

8E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MANAMELA AJ

8C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NTLAMA-MAKHANYA AJ

UNOPPOSED MOTION

GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUGDE MABESELE J

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WRIGHT J

GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE FISHER J

URGENT APPLICATIONS

9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ADAMS J

9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DLAMINI J

INCOME TAX COURT

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DIPPENAAR J
(IT45887)

FAMILY COURT

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE YACOOB J

11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VON LUDWIG AJ

SPECIAL INTERLOCUTORY COURT

GB BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WANLESS J

RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WEIDEMAN AJ

8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE A VAN DER MERWE AJ

FULL COURT APPEALS: CIVIL

11F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE CRUTCHFIELD J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WILSON J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NOKO J
A2024-076119 A2023-035975 A2024-061116

CIVIL TRIAL OF LONG DURATION

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SENYATSI J
2015/19708

GA BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOSI J
2017/4964

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VELE AJ
2022/19251

GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS

11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE TWALA J

11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MABASA AJ

11F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHLANGU AJ

8D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE RAUBENHEIMER AJ

8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SNYMAN AJ

6C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE I. STRYDOM AJ

6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SALOOJEE AJ

THE CIVIL TRIAL ROLL BEFORE SUTHERLAND DJP.

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)

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 strictly applied.*

4. *LAST DATE TO SUBMIT PRACTICE NOTES:* ***WEDNESDAY, 05 FEBRUARY 2025***

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.

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					
PART B: ROAD ACCIDENT FUND					
1.	2020/41879	JOHANNES CHRISTIAAN PRINSLOO N.O OBO NEO EPHRAIM RAMONATE VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv A den Hartog Defendant: Ms S Ameersingh Merits and quantum (past and future medical expenses; future loss of income; general damages) Pre-trial conference: 24 October 2023 Minutes filed: 27 October 2023; 15 November 2023 Estimated duration: 2 – 3 hours (if argued); 2 – 3 days (if evidence led) Interpreter to be used	**21/11/2023**	**04/12/2023**	
2.	2018/24652	GATOGANG LERATO OBO MOHAU VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	**26/04/2023**	**27/09/2023**	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice

3.	2020/8310	FEMERE GODFREE VS PRASA	**16/05/2023**	**27/09/2023**	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.
4.	2021/3537	MPALA THUSO VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Ms L Molope-Madondo Defendant: Mr M Madasele Merits and quantum (future medical expenses; general damages; past and future loss of earnings) Pre-trial conference: 07 July 2023 Estimated duration; 3 – 4 days Interpreter to be used Default judgment Defendant's defence struck out	**18/07/2023**	**27/09/2023**	
5.	2022/043148	MKHARI PEACE PRETTY OBO MINOR VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv L Mathebula Defendant: Mr M Madasele Pre-trial conference: 07 July 2023 Quantum (future loss of earnings; past and future medical expenses)	**19/07/2023**	**27/09/2023**	

6.	2022/11373	MOHLAFUNO RENELOE VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv S B Vukeya Defendant: Ms S Ameersingh Merits and quantum (general damages; loss of earnings) Pre-trial conference: 21 April 2023 Minutes filed: 25 April 2023 Estimated duration: 1 – 2 days Interpreter to be used	**05/07/2023**	**27/09/2023**	
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.				