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To:
Legal Practice Council - Gauteng
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LOCKDOWN NOTICE:
TAXATION DIRECTIONS
GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG

Pursuant to the Judge President's Consolidated Directive dated 11 May 2020 and in terms of Paragraph 108 thereof, the following directions shall apply with immediate effect and for the duration of Stage 4 of the National Lockdown:

1. As from 4 May 2020 Taxing Masters will only attend to settled bills of cost.
2. Attorneys, cost consultants and their messengers or proxies will not be allowed to attend at the court in relation to any taxation or bill of cost except as specifically provided for in 8.2 below;
3. All settled bills should be emailed to the designated email address, being JHBtaxation@judiciary.org.za;
4. The email subject should read: SETTLED BILL: (insert case number)
5. The email should include a letter confirming settlement between the parties, the bill of cost with all disbursement vouchers and the cost order. The case number must reflect on the page containing the *allocatur*.
6. Only the stamped and signed *allocatur* will be returned by email within 3 days;

7. No new taxation dates will be allocated until further notice;

8. Part-heard taxations may be disposed of at the discretion of the presiding Taxing Master and written confirmation of such enrolment will be sent from the designated email address.

   8.1 The Taxing Master will give direction on a case-by-case basis as to the appearance in part-heard taxations.

   8.2 Physical attendance at court under direction from the Taxing Master shall be limited to one person per party to the taxation.

   8.3 any email communication in relation to such part-heard taxation must be sent to JHBtaxation@judiciary.org.za and the subject line should read: "PART-HEARD: (insert name of Taxing Master)(insert case number)(insert last taxation date)".

9. Matters that were enrolled for dates between 30 March and 30 April 2020 will be prioritised for enrolment.

Roanne Bramdaw
Chief Registrar