IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG

MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2026

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 MODIBA J

9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE TWALA J

9E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WANLESS J

9F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DU PLESSIS J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE M. VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN J

INSOLVENCY COURT

11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE STRYDOM J

11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE GILBERT AJ

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE J HOFFMAN AJ

UNOPPOSED MOTION

GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUGDE WINDELL J

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOSI J

GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE KHANYILE AJ

URGENT APPLICATIONS

9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOULTRIE J

9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE S VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN AJ

8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE E DREYER AJ

INCOME TAX COURT

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WENTZEL J

FAMILY COURT

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VAN ASWEGEN AJ

11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ALLEN AJ

SUMMARY JUDGMENT COURT

GA BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOMED J

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE J MOGOTSI AJ

RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE KHABA AJ

8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAGODI AJ

6C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE A LOUW AJ

FULL COURT APPEALS: CIVIL

11F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE FISHER J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SENYATSI J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DLAMINI J
A2023-062743

CIVIL TRIAL OF LONG DURATION

11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WRIGHT J
2016/10215

GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VAN OOSTEN J
2022-031620

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAKUME J

6A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAIER-FRAWLEY J

6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE I. STRYDOM AJ

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE FELGATE AJ

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE HOWARD 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 AS AMENDED ON 27 OCTOBER 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 strictly applied.*

4. *LAST DATE TO SUBMIT PRACTICE NOTES:* ***MONDAY, 09 FEBRUARY 2026***

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					
	2016/10215	MMBUDZENI SELBY RAMUDZULI AND OTHERS VS MINISTER OF POLICE			Trial of Long Duration allocated to WRIGHT J
1.	202/41705	BRUCE JOHN OTTLEY VS SUITES 4 U CC AND 3 OTHERS	15/04/2024	25/04/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice
2.	2020/13580	ATLANTIC CORPORATE FINANCE (PTY) LTD VS PENNSURE (PTY) LTD AND OTHER	10/04/2024	25/04/2024	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. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.

3.	2018/36826	STANDARD BANK OF SA VS JUST NYENSI (PTY) LTD AND OTHERS	17/04/2024	15/05/2024	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. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.

4.	2018/44522	NATHCRON CC VS PHINEAS NETHONONDO AND 2 OTHERS Plaintiff: Adv S Nel On 22 July 2015, the plaintiff and the first, second and third defendants, alternatively, the first and second defendants, alternatively, the third defendant (the defendants) entered into a written building agreement. The plaintiff complied with its obligations in terms of the agreement and completed work to the value of an amount. Despite the defendants making payment to the plaintiff in an amount, the defendants have failed to make payment to the plaintiff of the balance of the amount. The plaintiff instituted action against the defendants for, firstly, rectification of the agreement, and secondly, payment of the balance of the amount. Pre-trial conference: July 2023 Estimated duration; 2 – 4 days *No indication that mediation took place and no mediation report	23/08/2023	17/05/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll. There is no mediation report. No indication that mediation took place

5.	2020/2897	NGOBENI KENNETH VS DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS AND OTHERS	07/05/2024	15/05/2024	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. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.
6.	2021/42866	TSWELOKGOTOSO TRADING ENTERPRISE CC VS AIRPORTS COMPANY SOUTH AFRICA SOC LTD	06/05/2024	16/05/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll. The mediator's report was filed out of time. Also, 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.

7.	2020/13929	THABANG MBEMBELE VS RMV ENGINEERING PROJECTS (PTY) LTD AND OTHERS Plaintiff: Adv H F Geyer Defendant: Adv B Pellin Plaintiff claims from the defendants, jointly and severally, repayment of the balance of a loan, pursuant to the conclusion of an oral loan agreement during/about August 2019. Separation of issues Pre-trial conference: 04 May 2022, 11 November 2022, 29 April 2024, 30 January 2026 Estimated duration; 3 – 4 days	07/05/2024	15/05/2024	**MAIER-FRAWLEY J** Secretary: Mr T Kabai Email: TKabai@judiciary.org.za

8.	2021/23934	WESTLAKE COUNTRY AND SAFARI ESTATE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION NPC VS NAZMEERA CAJEE	26/04/2024	16/05/2024	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. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.
PART B: ROAD ACCIDENT FUND					
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.