THE JOHANNESBURG ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION

Dear Members

Call for input by JAA members in relation to certain issues raised by DJP Sutherland

Please forward same to us in writing as soon as possible, but not later than the 15th of December 2021, such that we can collate same and forward it to the DJP by the deadline of the 31st of December 2021.

1. Request for input about the prospective return to a default physical court hearings regime
2. No decision has been made when this would be appropriate; however planning for it needs to begin.
3. The prospect exists of a hybrid regime going forward; ie some courts would resume traditional physical hearings and others remain remote hearing via video links; eg after hours urgent court, unopposed divorce court and perhaps others. Some evidence might be received via video link. Out of town counsel would appear via video link. Etc.
4. All are requested to furnish the DJP with considered suggestions on what is appropriate. This request seeks not merely expressions of preferences but proposals motivating how and why the public interest can be served.
5. The chief registrar to have a standing item on the lead times for all courts between requests for dates and final enrolments.
6. Commercial court: feedback from practitioners on its operations and efficacy.
7. Ad hoc requests for case management: what criteria should apply to grant such requests. What capacity exists to make judges available to undertake such case management,
8. The Covid and remote hearings directives: feedback from practitioners on problems, proposed improvements, and whether the registry staff are following the directives effectively, and if not, how might efficacy be achieved.

Written submissions can be made to viv@jaa.org.za.

Gauteng Local Division of the High Court – Notice to all Litigation Attorneys in Gauteng

This notice pertains to innovations in the organisation of Motion Court in Johannesburg and new classification of Applications with four Judges sitting in the unopposed Motion Court.

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CIPC Notice 58 of 2021

Appointing and Resignation of Auditors using the Online Service.

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Aside from the global pandemic, the legal profession has also been impacted by technology. This can be seen in the practices of court work. Long gone are the days of paper-based information. Many practitioners now look to the convenience of laptops, tablets, and other digital systems to source their information. Join LexisNexis and the Law Society of South Africa in discussing the findings of the 2021 Legal Tech Report at the State of the Legal Industry Address Webinar.

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- In house vs outsource – a growing preference for the latter

When: 2 December 2021
Time: 10h30 – 11h00 or 14:h00 – 15:00
Cost: FREE!
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JAA Johannesburg High Court Office

Kindly note that our offices will be closed from the 6th of December 2021 until the 16th of January 2021.

JAA Property Whatsapp group

The JAA has started a Whatsapp Group for Property and Conveyancing that is separate to our Deeds Office Group. This group is free for Members to join. If you would like to join our Whatsapp group kindly email viv@jaa.org.za with your name/cellphone number/membership number.





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