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
   a. No decision has been made when this would be appropriate; however planning for it needs to begin.
   b. 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.
   c. 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.
2. The chief registrar to have a standing item on the lead times for all courts between requests for dates and final enrolments.
3. Commercial court: feedback from practitioners on its operations and efficacy.
4. 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.
5. 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.

City of Johannesburg – Rates Clearance Certificates

Notice from the City of Johannesburg regarding the issuing of Rates Clearance Certificates.

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The Office of the Chief Justice - Dies Non

Kindly find below the Court Terms as laid out from 2021 to 2027.

Members are reminded that the courts remain open throughout the Festive Season. Dies non (16 December to 15 January), however, apply to notices of intention to defend and notices of bar only.

In this regard you are referred to:
High Court – Rule 19(1) and Rule 26
Magistrate's Court – Rule 13(1) and Rule 21B(3)

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JAA Committee Portfolio

Kindly find below a comprehensive list of JAA Executive and Sub-committee members with their contact details.

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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.



Johannesburg High Court – Motion Application Office telephone number update

Kindly note and be advised the telephone contact that the telephone numbers for the Motion Application Section have been updated.

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Inanda 1 Sheriffs Office – Office Closure

The Inanda 1 Sheriffs Office has issued an appreciation letter and notice of year end closure.

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Member satisfaction survey

We are always looking at ways in which we can better serve the legal profession and our members. To this end, we ask if you could spare 10 minutes of your time to complete a questionnaire which will assist us in bringing you a service that is more purposeful and meaningful.

Please click on the link and tell us what you think.
Click Here

If you can't do this now, please save the link and complete it anytime by the 10 Jan 2022. Three lucky members who complete the survey will be awarded free membership for 2021/2022 year.

JAA Office Seasonal Dates

Our office at the Johannesburg High Court will be closed from the 15th of December 2021 until the 4th of January 2022. Our Deeds Linking Office will be closed from the 23rd of December 2021 until the 3rd of January 2022.

The Gauteng Attorneys Association presents the 2022 Allen West Conveyancing update

Join us for the 2022 Allen West Conveyancing update on the 10th of February presented by the Gauteng Attorneys' Association. Click the link to register.
https://www.gaa.org.za/webinars/









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