IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG

MONDAY 23RD 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 MALI J

9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ADAMS J

9E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MIA J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VAN ASWEGEN AJ

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DE OLIVEIRA AJ

INSOLVENCY COURT

11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WILSON J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE P G CILLIERS AJ

UNOPPOSED MOTION

GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUGDE FISHER J

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SENYATSI J

GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOGOTSI AJ

URGENT APPLICATIONS

9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DLAMINI J

9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE P G LOUW AJ

SPECIAL MOTION

11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WINDELL J
2020/4042

INCOME TAX COURT

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WENTZEL-THOMPSON J

FAMILY COURT

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DU PLESSIS J

11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MYBURGH AJ

SUMMARY JUDGMENT COURT

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MODIBA J

GA BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOSI J

SPECIAL INTERLOCUTORY COURT

GB BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MKHABELA J

11F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE KHABA AJ

RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE COMBRINK AJ

8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ALLY AJ

8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAKGATE AJ

CRIMINAL APPEALS

Palmridge BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOTHA J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NEMAVHIDI AJ
A34/2020 A80/2016 A22/2022

FULL COURT APPEALS: CIVIL

Video-Link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VAN OOSTEN J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE STRYDOM J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOULTRIE J
A2025-018626

GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS

6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAKUME J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WRIGHT J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE TWALA J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAIER-FRAWLEY J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE M. VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ALLEN AJ

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE BUIRSKI 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, 16 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.

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					
1.	2016/14866	AIRSCHOTT INC VS BLU AIR SEA AND LAND LOGISTICS (PTY) LTD	21/05/2024	23/05/2024	The action is withdrawn by notice – matter is settled
2.	2020/40641	SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITISATION PROGRAMME (RF) LTD AND OTHERS VS PROFESSIONAL SHIPFITTERS CC (IN LIQUIDATION) AND OTHERS	21/05/2024	23/05/2024	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.

3.	2019/36116	NONHLANHLA PENELOPE NYATHI N.O AND OTHERS VS MAKUBANKWE SANNA NYATHI AND OTHERS Plaintiff: Adv N Nxumalo Defendant: Mr M D Hlatshwayo Matter involves a transfer of a property in terms of a Will. There are two wills involved. According to the plaintiff, the property was transferred in terms of a fraudulent will. According to the first defendant the property was transferred in terms of a valid will. The plaintiff seeks an order for reversal of the property to the Estate Pre-trial conference: 25 March 2024 Minutes filed: 28 March 2024 *No indication that mediation occurred and no mediation report	20/05/2024	23/05/2024	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 removed from the trial roll.

4.	2022/021982	MARLENE ZOE BRUDER VS ROGINI COLLEN MOODLEY AND OTHER	02/05/2024	24/05/2024	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.
5.	2020/44417	SHADRACK DOSHANE A.K.A KENNY MOTSAMAI VS MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICE AND OTHERS	02/05/2024	22/05/2024	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.	2022/10309	FRANS VAN DER NET VS CATHERINE CUMMINGS	02/05/2024	20/05/2024	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.

7.	2016/16497	SAFETYGRIP (PTY) LTD VS RSS SECURITY SERVICES (PTY) LTD AND OTHERS Plaintiff: Adv I M Lindeque 2nd – 5th Defendants: Adv L Morland Plaintiff, a tyre merchant, claims damages against the second and fifth defendants, being armed security service providers based on gross negligence in respect of damages suffered during a burglary at the plaintiff's premises on 13 December 2015. Pre-trial conference: 16 November 2022; 25 October 2023; 22 February 2024 Minutes filed: 09 January 2023; 01 February 2024; 28 February 2024 Estimated duration: 4 days Expert witness is resident in Ireland – request virtual hearing for this witness' testimony	03/05/2024	27/05/2024	**MAIER-FRAWLEY J** Secretary: Mr T Kabai Email: TKabai@judiciary.org.za

8.	2013/45092	ORPHANOU MARY-ANTHY VS VAN WYK SAMANTHA	22/05/2024	23/05/2024	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.
9.	2021/2780	CHATTARONGA SKAARSWILD CC VS MUTUAL AND FEDERAL RISK FINANCING LIMITED AND OTHER	09/05/2024	23/05/2024	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.

10.	2021/58946	LEMNOTHO CATERING CC VS AIR LIQUIDE (PTY) LTD	21/05/2024	23/05/2024	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.