CURATED AND PUBLISHED BY THE JOHANNESBURG ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG
WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST 2025

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 WINDELL J

9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MATTHYS AJ

9E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SNYCKERS AJ

9F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MZUZU AJ

8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE LIEBENBERG AJ

INSOLVENCY COURT

8D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SENYATSI J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SUBEL AJ

UNOPPOSED MOTION

GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUGDE DU PLESSIS J

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE RAUBENHEIMER AJ

GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAZIBUKO AJ

URGENT APPLICATIONS

9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WRIGHT J

9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE PULLINGER AJ

INCOME TAX COURT

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MALI J

FAMILY COURT

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE OPPERMAN J

11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOMED J

SPECIAL INTERLOCUTORY COURT

GB BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WEIDEMAN AJ

SUMMARY JUDGMENT COURT

GA BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE AMIEN AJ

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE BHENGU AJ

RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VAN DE VENTER AJ

8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE LEVITT AJ

FULL COURT APPEALS – CIVIL

11F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MDALANA-MAYISELA J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WANLESS J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MFENYANA J
A2023-026499

COMMERCIAL COURT

11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WILSON J
2022-011323

CIVIL TRIAL OF LONG DURATION

8C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NKOENYANE AJ
2021/10240

6F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE BOTHA AJ
2018/28784

GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS

6A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MABESELE J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DIPPENAAR J
(Competition Appeal Court)

6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MALINDI J

11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOTHA J

11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE OOSTHUIZEN-SENEKAL AJ

6C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VAN ASWEGEN AJ

6E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAISELA 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

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:* ***WEDNESDAY, 20 AUGUST 2025***

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					
1.	2021/17569	HLOPHE FEZILE VS PRASA Plaintiff: Adv M Fisher Defendant: Adv T Tshitereke Merits Pre-trial conference: 10 June 2025 Minutes filed: 10 June 2025 Estimated duration: 2 – 3 days	24/07/2023		**MABESELE J** Secretary: Ms S Bunting Email: SBunting@judiciary.org.za
PART B: ROAD ACCIDENT FUND					
2.	2022/051892	GEEL BERNADINE LOUISE VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	**23/07/2023**		Matter is removed from the trial roll. A note appended to the electronic file from the registrar indicates the trial date at 04 September 2025

3.	2021/24796	KAELAMA HUMPHREY VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	**24/05/2023**		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.	2022/31087	FOLI MASIKHANYE PETRUS VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	**08/05/2023**		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.	2022/45590	SINGO TSHIDINO DOMINIC VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	**24/05/2023**		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.	2019/683	ZAMELE PATRICIA SITHOLE OBO O L SITHOLE VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	**08/05/2023**		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.

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.
