MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MAGISTRATES AND REGIONAL COURT CIVIL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD AT JOHANNESBURG

1. The Booysens Magistrates Court situated at Erf 203, Amanda Avenue and Riffle Road, Oakdene opened on the 1st March 2019 as a branch court of Johannesburg.

   Magistrate PA Koen is the Head of Office at the court and Magistrate M Lamprecht is the section civil head running the judiciary in Johannesburg Magistrates Court.

   The Booysens Court is a branch court for criminal, family and civil matters, excluding Regional Civil matters, until such time that it becomes a fully fledged court.

   In civil proceedings, practitioners have the choice of issuing processes out of either Johannesburg Magistrates Court or Booysens Magistrates Court.

   The police stations situated in Moffat View, Booysens and Mondeor will be forwarding their criminal matters to the Booysens Court

   The Small Claims Court will remain in Johannesburg Magistrates Court.

   Pleadings are to refer to the court as follows: “In the District of Johannesburg Central Held at Booysens”.

2. The JAA will be opening a branch office at the court in the near future.

3. From the 2nd September 2019 the Civil Regional Court of Jhb will relocate from its current address to 64 Eloff Street, Jhb City Centre (the former Specialised Commercial Crimes Court building, next to Capitec Bank);

. The civil Regional Court will occupy the first, second, and third floors of the building

   All notices of set-down in respect of trials, motions, unopposed divorces, and pre-trial conferences that are scheduled to be heard after 01September 2019 must be enrolled for Court “D” on the second floor and must reflect the court’s new address clearly thereon.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE HIGH COURT MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE, THE COURT MANAGER AMD THE REGISTRAR

2.1 The 1994 and older files are stored in COJ National Office in Pretoria
The 1993 files were destroyed due to flooding
Files from mid - 2009 are kept on site. The files older that mid – 2009 are kept off-site and are to be requested from Ms Manku.

When practitioners request files from archives, they should also indicate when the file was last in court, which may assist in locating the court file.

2.2 The office of the OCJ had approved targets for Quasi Judicial Indicators and finalized annual performance plan indicators and are in the process of implementing the finalized operational plan. The target for finalization of default judgment applications has been increased from 90% to 100%.

The problems being experienced are that practitioners are not responding to default judgment queries raised by the Registrar which is impacting on their target.

Practitioners are to check whether their default judgment application complies with the Registrars Default Judgment Checklist prior to submitting same.

The Registrar will email the query to the practitioner, who is to respond thereto within five days of receipt thereof. The practitioner who does not intend to proceed with the default judgment application is to inform the Registrar accordingly.

In the event that the Registrar does not receive a reply to the query within the 5 day period, the Registrar will refuse the application.
If the application is refused it does not mean that the practitioner cannot bring the application back to the Registrar. A new application will have to be submitted.

2.3 The JAA assisted the court in filing away court files