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North Gauteng Division Practice Directives

Dear Member,

The High Court subcommittee met with various personal injury attorneys last week regarding the latest North Gauteng Division Directives published by the Judge President.

We had made our members aware of the possible problems the draft directives would cause if implemented. We had obtained comments from members and submitted same to the Judge President. The Johannesburg Attorneys' Association and Gauteng Attorneys Association respectively did the same. It seems the majority of concerns were not considered. Since the directives have been implemented we have been flooded with complaints, all of them seemingly valid.

On Thursday's meeting it was proposed to obtain an opinion from Adv Steven Budlender SC on the latest Practice Directive issued by the Judge President. The subject was well ventilated and supported by all attorneys present. The attorneys present are all well established litigants, and many from the larger firms as well.

Due to the urgency of the matter, and the fact that the directives make it near impossible for personal injury lawyers to practice, I had, in conjunction with the members of the High Court Committee, given the go-ahead that we obtain the opinion.

We have appointed Mr David Scheepers of the firm Adams & Adams Inc to oversee the process.. An appointment has been scheduled with counsel for Thursday 4 March 2021 at 08:30. We will in addition, request members of the PAA to contribute, as we have done in the past, should the opinion call for further action. We will however make the decision on executive level should the opinion call for further action.

It is still important that members voice their concerns and send same per email to **tiaan@joubertlaw.co.za** or **dawie.bekker@ppv.co.za**. We need to show both the impact and the volumes of attorneys affected.

Should the PAA raise more funds that is required we will reimburse each contributor pro rata to their contribution.

The bank details of Adams & Adams is set out hereunder as well as the email address of Mr Scheepers to where attorneys who wish to contribute, can send proof of payment.

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Kind regards,

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