



**HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA, GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA  
FROM THE CHAMBERS OF ACTING JUSTICE LAUBSCHER AJ**

**26 JUNE 2024**

**TO: ALL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS**

**DIRECTIVE FOR DEFAULT JUDGEMENTS TRIAL COURT PROCEEDINGS  
BEFORE THE HONOURABLE ACTING JUSTICE LAUBSCHER AJ TO BE HEARD  
ON 1 TO 5 JULY 2024**

1. Matters will be heard in **open court** starting at **09h30**. The court number will be widely circulated when available.
2. Introductions will be made in open court when a matter is called.
3. Removals and postponements will be called first. Thereafter, matters will be heard in order of seniority of the practitioner arguing the matter.
4. Draft orders must be uploaded to CaseLines in WORD, as set out in paragraph 7 below. It is unnecessary to bring hard copies to court.
5. Heads of argument, and all other documents, must be uploaded to CaseLines **no later than 17h00 on the day preceding the date of hearing**, including as set out in paragraph 7 below.
6. If a matter becomes settled or is not proceeding for any reason, immediately

and during or after hours, an email must be sent to [Amashala-Shiburi@judiciary.org.za](mailto:Amashala-Shiburi@judiciary.org.za) AND to [antonlau@law.co.za](mailto:antonlau@law.co.za), indicating the reason.

7. A separate **section 001** at the top of the **CaseLines** named “**HEADS OF ARGUMENT AND RELEVANT DOCUMENTS**” must be created, including the following documents:

7.1 Strike out order.

7.2 Suggested draft order in Word.

7.3 Heads of argument.

7.4 Latest actuarial report (report only without notices).

7.5 Merits concession / settlement (offer and acceptance).

7.6 Confirmation of seriousness of injuries on RAF letterhead.

7.7 Order appointing *curator ad litem*.

7.8 Report by *curator ad litem*.

7.9 Contingency fee agreement.

7.10 Consent to appointment as Trustee / *curator bonis*.

**IF A MATTER IS SETTLED THE FOLLOWING MUST ALSO BE INCLUDED**

7.11 Offer and acceptance.

7.12 Draft order.

7.13 Confirmation letter from RAF in respect draft order.