

**HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA  
GAUTENG DIVISION**

**FAMILY COURT**

**2025, TERM 1, WEEK 3**

**3 February 2025 – 7 February 2025**

DIRECTIVE

1. ALL matters allocated to Van der Schyff will be heard in open court.
2. One draft order must be handed up.
3. Introductions will be done in open court.
4. Unless otherwise indicated via the Widely Shared function on CaseLines over the weekend preceding week 3, *viva voce* evidence needs to be led in all divorce matters. Ensuring that all documentary evidence and evidence affidavits are uploaded to CaseLines by Friday, 30 January 2025, at 16h00, minimises the need for *viva voce* evidence.
5. Where the interests of minor children are involved, settlement agreements must be endorsed by the Office of the Family Advocate, and *viva voce* evidence needs to be led.
6. Where divorces are settled, written confirmation by both parties, or their legal representatives, must be uploaded wherein it is confirmed that the parties are aware that the matter is proceeding on the applicable date. Settled matters will also be dealt with in open court. Please ensure that the necessary affidavits confirming the authenticity of documents are uploaded.
7. Counsel is requested to have regard to the 'Widely Shared Note' function on CaseLines as queries may be raised using this function prior to the hearing date.
8. Communication with this office must be done by **email** to Mrs. **Simone Bhana (SBhana@judiciary.org.za)**
9. **Judge Van der Schyff's registrar must be contacted when urgent applications are to be allocated. The fact that an application is allocated does not mean that the issue of urgency became moot.**

10. Roll call will be held for matters that were not displaying documents when the roll was finalised on Monday 3 February 2025 at 9h30 for the matters to be allocated. Any such matters not called will summarily be removed from the roll.
11. Counsel must make submissions within the time allocated to applications. Rule 43 applications should generally not exceed 1 hour. That allows for 20 minutes for each party and 10 minutes for reply. Where matters are opposed, Joint Practice Notes crisply delineating the issues in dispute must be uploaded by Friday, 30 January 2024, at 16h00.

**ALLOCATION of matters allocated to van der Schyff J**

<b>APPLICATION</b>	<b>ALLOCATED DATE</b>	
<b>Roll call for all matters indicated as not displaying documents by the time the roll was finalised</b>	<b>Monday 3 February 2024</b>	<b>9h30</b>
All unopposed divorces allocated to Van der Schyff J	<b>Monday 3 February 2025</b>	<b>10h00</b>
Chetty v Chetty 000820/23	<b>Monday 3 February 2025</b>	<b>10h00</b>
Sutherland v Sutherland 093945/24	<b>Monday 3 February 2025</b>	<b>11h30</b>
Blok v Blok 033551/23	<b>Monday 3 February 2025</b>	<b>12h30</b>
Nortje v Nortje 022383/23	<b>Monday 3 February 2025</b>	<b>13h30</b>
Watson v Watson 031909/24	<b>Tuesday 4 February 2025</b>	<b>10h00</b>
Baloyi v Baloyi 147791/24	<b>Tuesday 4 February 2025</b>	<b>10h30</b>
Van den Berg v Van den Berg 060421/23	<b>Tuesday 4 February 2025</b>	<b>10h30</b>
Mamba v Mamba 051744/22	<b>Tuesday 4 February 2025</b>	<b>10h30</b>
Matlala v Mahlaba 071885/24	<b>Tuesday 4 February 2025</b>	<b>10h30</b>
Van den Heever v Pieterse 049319/24	<b>Tuesday 4 February 2025</b>	<b>11h30</b>

**E VAN DER SCHYFF**  
**JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT**