

THE CIVIL TRIAL ROLL BEFORE SUTHERLAND DJP.

THERE SHALL BE NO PHYSICAL TRIAL ROLL CALL.

PARTIES MUST COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH
19 OF THE REVISED CONSOLIDATED PRACTICE DIRECTIVE 01 OF 2024 (With
effect from 26 February 2024 and amended on 12 June 2024)

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: MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 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					
	2021/58672	MSINDO YOLANDA OBO MSINDO LIAND VS MEC FOR HEALTH GAUTENG	12/02/2024	12/02/2024	
	2014/25554	ADV RAMBACHAN-NAIDOO OBO R L SINGAPHI VS MEC FOR HEALTH GAUTENG		08/02/2024	
	2016/28805	MPUMELELO SIBANDA VS MINISTER OF POLICE AND OTHER	21/08/2023	12/08/2024	
1.	2019/38209	OSPOORT BOEDERY CC VS WOHLFAHRT PLUIMVEE PLAAS (PTY) LTD AND OTHER	22/08/2023	31/10/2023	
2.	2014/42558	HOWARD ANDREW LOWENTHAL N.O VS STREET GUARANTEE (PTY) LTD AND 2 OTHERS	06/09/2023	13/10/2023	
3.	2019/4132	NEDBANK LIMITED VS NIEMANN SALOMON CORNELIUS	11/04/2023	13/10/2023	

4.	2020/6223	ROLLUP SERRANDA (PTY) LTD VS GLOBACON (PTY) LTD	13/09/2023	03/10/2023	
5.	2021/45362	VIVA GYM SA PTY LTD VS MARSH PTY LTD	01/08/2023	13/10/2023	
6.	2021/37745	SILIDI PROJECTS CC VS LALI ROTH PLATINUM REFINERIES PTY LTD	23/05/2023	13/10/2023	
7.	2020/42862	ASSAF AZOULAY VS ITSHAK MARCIANO AND OTHER	10/07/2023	09/11/2023	
8.	2019/1262	INY COMMUNICATIONS CC VS LENMED HEALTH (PTY) LTD AND OTHERS	25/07/2023	24/10/2023	
9.	2021/14236	DIGIT MIDSTREAM (PTY) LTD VS RENICO PLANT HIRE (PTY) LTD	23/08/2023	24/10/2023	
10.	2022/25007	MARIA LYDIA FERREIRA MARQUES PEREIRA VS ELSBERG HEIGHTS (PTY) LTD	11/02/2024	15/02/2024	
11.	2017/12052	MAKONDO REGINA VS MEC FOR HEALTH GAUTENG	07/0/2024	05/09/2023	
12.	2023-064500	MAHLATSE HECTOR LEKOADI VS RAMATSOBANE GRANNY LEKOADI	24/11/2023	12/07/2024	

PART B: ROAD ACCIDENT FUND

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 <u>by no later than five (05) court days before the trial date</u> . 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.				