



**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH-AFRICA**  
HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA  
GAUTENG DIVISION  
PRETORIA

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**DIRECTIVES FOR THE FAMILY COURT BEFORE MINNAAR AJ:**

**24 TO 28 MARCH 2025**

**Registrar for Minnaar AJ:**

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**1. ALLOCATIONS**

- 1.1 The allocated roll is distributed with this Directive.
- 1.2 All divorces will be heard on Monday, 24 March 2025 and called on seniority.
- 1.3 All the other unopposed applications will be heard on Wednesday, 26 March 2025 and called on seniority.
- 1.4 Urgent applications, unless otherwise indicated, will be heard on Tuesday, 25 March 2025.
- 1.5 The remainder of the applications will be heard as per the allocations.
- 1.6 Introductions will be done in open court.

**2. PRACTICE NOTES, DRAFT ORDERS AND CASELINES BUNDLES:**

- 2.1 A complete practice note stating the full particulars of counsel and attorneys, the nature of the application, the issues to be decided,

and an estimate of the duration must be uploaded by 16h00 on Thursday, 20 March 2025.

- 2.2 If there is any other information to be conveyed, it must also be stated in the practice note.
- 2.3 One copy of the draft order, indicating the date and particulars of the Judge and the particulars of the attorney of record and the counsel/attorney appearing, must be handed up in court.
- 2.4 It is the responsibility of the applicant's attorney to ensure that the matter is TIMEOUSLY, PROPERLY AND FULLY uploaded onto CaseLines in accordance with the Practice Directive. Late filing or updates will not be accepted.
- 2.5 No further documents may be uploaded to CaseLines after 16h00 on Thursday, 20 March 2025.
- 2.6 Documents to be properly identified and uploaded as separate documents.
- 2.7 Take note of widely shared notes made by the Judge on CaseLines.

**3. UNOPPOSED DIVORCES: Monday, 24 March 2025:**

- 3.1 In divorce matters where there are no minor children, no appearance will be required, and the matters will be decided on the papers.
  - In such matters, the plaintiff must ensure that all the relevant affidavits have been filed.

3.3 In divorce matters where minor children are involved, the plaintiff (or defendant, if applicable) must appear in court and provide oral evidence.

4. **URGENT APPLICATIONS:**

4.1 There must be strict adherence to the Directives applicable to urgent applications.

4.2 The allocation of an urgent application to a specific slot is not an indication that such an application is regarded as being urgent.

5. **OPPOSED APPLICATIONS:**

4.1 Joint practice note, together with heads of argument by both parties, to be uploaded by Thursday, 20 March 2025, at 16h00.

*Minnaar AJ*