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38. **Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development**
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40. **South African Board of Sheriffs**
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42. **Road Accident Fund**

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OUR REF : DJP/18/2012/lt

RE : **THE BIG BANG UNOPPOSED MOTION COURT
SCHEDULED FOR 17 JUNE 2025 – 20 JUNE 2025**

Dear Colleagues,

1. The response from the profession to assist in this exercise has been overwhelming. The numbers of acting judges required to preside were oversubscribed by triple the number needed.
2. A list of the acting judges selected to be rostered is attached. From the offers to assist I have selected from the most senior practitioners who offered, based on the information provided to me. In several cases I was unable to determine seniority. This does imply a rejection of the offers received and I express my thanks to all who were willing to serve.

3. The selected acting judges join six judges who have been roistered in that week in the ordinary course, thereby making up 30 judges in the unopposed motion court. A total of 4500 applications will be heard in this week which is the maximum number that can, administratively, be enrolled owing to the limits to the complement of judges' secretaries that can be made available and because of the demands made of the registry staff to compile 60 rolls timeously. The registrar has reported that demand -volume for enrolment is about 750 per week and accordingly that number needs to be enrolled in a single week in the cycle selected to maintain a steady lead time.
4. The effect of the exercise is expected to reduce the lead time to about five or six weeks. The ultimate target is to reduce it to four weeks maximum.
5. On the assumption that this exercise is effective it shall be repeated as often as the lead time might increase beyond the optimal lead time. Opportunities to participate as acting judges shall be open again.

*Dictated by the Deputy Judge President
Electronically transmitted, therefore no signature*

**ROLAND SUTHERLAND
DEPUTY JUDGE PRESIDENT**