

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG
WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2024**

THE DEFAULT MODE OF HEARING OF MATTERS IS IN PHYSICAL COURT

**EVEN THOUGH THE DEFAULT MODE OF HEARINGS IS PHYSICAL, JUDGES
MAY ELECT TO PROCEED VIRTUALLY**

**LITIGANTS ARE TO CONFIRM THE MANNER IN WHICH THE HEARING WILL BE
CONDUCTED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE**

**IN VIRTUAL HEARINGS, THE LINK WILL BE CREATED BY THE SECRETARY
OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE AND CIRCULATED TO THE LITIGANTS**

OPPOSED MOTION

9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE YACOOB J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAIER-FRAWLEY J

9C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE HASSIM J

9E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WANLESS J

9F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MATYOLO AJ

8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE L DU PLESSIS AJ

UNOPPOSED MOTION

GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MUDAU J

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE TWALA J

GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE CRUTCHFIELD J

URGENT APPLICATIONS

9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MABESELE J

9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MALI J

SPECIAL MOTION

11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WILSON J
2024-124591

FAMILY COURT

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOSI J

11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ABRO AJ

SPECIAL TRIAL INTERLOCUTORY COURT

GB BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOMED J

RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WEIDEMAN AJ

8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE M KRUGER AJ

CIVIL TRIALS OF LONG DURATION

GA BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ALLEN AJ
2022/10573

9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SNYMAN AJ
2020/10824

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MABASA AJ
2018/21491

PART-HEARD CIVIL TRIAL

6A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NTHAMBELENI AJ
*2018/32561 ELAINE VILJOEN v MEC FOR DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT,
GAUTENG*

GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS

11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WRIGHT J

11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SIWENDU J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DIPPENAAR J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SENYATSI J

11F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DLAMINI J

8C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MANAMELA J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHLANGU AJ

6C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NTLAMA-MAKHANYA AJ

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE RAUBENHEIMER AJ

8D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VELE AJ

6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DOMINGO AJ

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: WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY 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.

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					
1.	2014/34070	SICELO SANELE NDLOVU VS PRASA Plaintiff: Adv A Louw Defendant: Mr V Vos Quantum (general damages; future medical expenses; loss of earnings; earning capacity) Pre-trial conference: 22 May 2024; 08 January 2025 Estimated duration: 3 – 4 days	25/06/2023	24/07/2023	WRIGHT J Secretary: Ms M Vukeya Email: MVukeya@judiciary.org.za
2.	2018/34238	THUSINI NONKULULEKO KHUNGHELA VS PRASA Plaintiff: Adv M Fisher Defendant: Mr B O'Connor Merits Pre-trial conference: 26 July 2024; 25 November 2024 Minutes filed: 25 October 2024 Estimated duration: 2 – 3 days Interpreter to be used	20/07/2023	01/08/2023	ALLEN AJ Secretary: Mr J Letsoalo Email: JLetsoalo@judiciary.org.za Matter is settled
PART B: ROAD ACCIDENT FUND					

3.	2021/4973	MAWONGERA GIFT TAWEDZERWA VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	23/06/2023	27/09/2023	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice
4.	2018/2611	HLUNGWANI GEZANI MORRIS OBO NEMAFHONI MPHO VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	06/04/2023	27/09/2023	No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.
5.	2019/38044	GANASEN SUDESHNEE VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Adv N Nemukula Defendant: Ms Y Ramjee Quantum (past medical expenses) Pre-trial conference: 27 March 2023 Minutes filed: 27 March 2023 Estimated duration: 1 day	30/03/2023	05/06/2023	ALLEN AJ Secretary: Mr J Letsoalo Email: JLetsoalo@judiciary.org.za

6.	2018/37076	MAZIBUKO SKHUMBUZO MICHAEL OBO MAZIBUKO SBUSISO VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv A Viljoen Defendant: Ms S J Mashao Quantum (future loss of earnings; past and future medical expenses; general damages) Pre-trial conference: 23 January 2023 Estimated duration: 1 hour (if argued); 1 day (if evidence led)	13/03/2023	14/03/2023	VELE AJ Secretary: Mr R Munonela Email: RMunonela@judiciary.org.za
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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 by no later than five (05) court days before the trial date. 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.

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