

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA  
GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG  
WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

**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**

9C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE CRUTCHFIELD J

9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DLAMINI J

9F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOTHA J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MEERSINGH AJ

8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ESTERHUIZEN AJ

**INSOLVENCY COURT**

8D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WRIGHT J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE BLOU AJ

8E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE H LOUW AJ

**UNOPPOSED MOTION**

GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MABESELE J

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SENYATSI J

GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE KHABA AJ

**URGENT APPLICATIONS**

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAIER-FRAWLEY J

9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WILSON J

**SPECIAL MOTION**

11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MUDAU J  
2000/27885

11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WANLESS J  
2024-050686

## **INCOME TAX COURT**

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAKAMU J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MALI J

## **FAMILY COURT**

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE YACOOB J

11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE M. VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN AJ

## **SUMMARY JUDGMENT COURT**

GA BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WINDELL J

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE CARRIM AJ

## **RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT**

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE BHOOLA AJ

8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOKALE AJ

## **FULL COURT APPEAL – CIVIL**

11F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VALLY J  
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOMED J  
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE GARVEY AJ  
*A2024-142313    A2024-107381    A2023-106727*

## **CIVIL TRIAL OF LONG DURATION**

8C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MFULWANE AJ  
*2018/24002*

## **PART-HEARD CIVIL TRIAL**

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MANOIM J  
*2022/8083*

## **GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS**

6A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAKUME J

9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE W DU PLESSIS J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE S. VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN AJ

6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NTHAMBELENI AJ

11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NKOENYANE AJ

6C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE COMBRINK AJ

6F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOLOJOA 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)

LITIGANTS' ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO PARAGRAPHS 16 – 19 OF THE MEDIATION DIRECTIVE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON 22 APRIL 2025

## **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 OCTOBER 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<br>ON ROLL                   | CASE NO    | PARTIES                                                   | DATE TRIAL<br>DATE APPLIED<br>FOR | DATE TRIAL DATE GRANTED | ALLOCATION/ORDER GRANTED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>PART A: GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS</b> |            |                                                           |                                   |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>PART B: ROAD ACCIDENT FUND</b>   |            |                                                           |                                   |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 1.                                  | 2022/36888 | SAMUKELISIWE THWALA<br>OBO MINOR VS ROAD<br>ACCIDENT FUND | <b>23/05/2023</b>                 | <b>26/07/2023</b>       | 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. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll. |

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| 2. | 2021/42225 | SIWELA MARGARETH VS<br>ROAD ACCIDENT FUND              | <b>23/05/2023</b> | <b>26/07/2023</b> | 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. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll. |
| 3. | 2020/18216 | VASCONCELLOS RONNIE<br>MANUEL VS ROAD<br>ACCIDENT FUND | <b>22/05/2023</b> | <b>14/08/2023</b> | The plaintiff has approached the Special Interlocutory Court and/or the Road Accident Fund Default Judgment Court as set out in paragraph 4.9 of the Mediation Protocol. Matter is removed from the trial roll.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4. | 2023/64229 | NGOBENI DANIEL VS ROAD<br>ACCIDENT FUND                | <b>23/05/2023</b> | <b>04/06/2023</b> | Matter is removed from the trial roll – A search for the electronic file was unsuccessful                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 5. | 2020/3784 | DE SANTOS DEOLYNN<br>CANDICE VS ROAD<br>ACCIDENT FUND | <b>23/05/2023</b> | <b>14/08/2023</b> | No indication that the plaintiff approached the Road Accident Fund Default Judgment Court (as set out in paragraph 4.9 of the Mediation Protocol) upon receipt of a court order by the Special Interlocutory Court. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll. |
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| 6.                                             | 2022/13992 | DLAMINI THABISO ERNEST<br>VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND | 22/05/2023 | 14/06/2023 | 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. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll. |
| 7.                                             | 2021/55610 | MXAKAZA SIHLE VS ROAD<br>ACCIDENT FUND          | 25/04/2023 | 25/05/2023 | The plaintiff has approached the Special Interlocutory Court and/or the Road Accident Fund Default Judgment Court as set out in paragraph 4.9 of the Mediation Protocol. Matter is removed from the trial roll.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE ROLL BY NOTICE</b> |            |                                                 |            |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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### 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](mailto: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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