



HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA, GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA
FROM THE CHAMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE ACTING JUDGE LAUBSCHER

03 JULY 2026

TO: ALL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

**LAUBSCHER AJ: DIRECTIVE: SPECIAL TRIAL DEFAULT JUDGMENT ROLL:
TUESDAY 7 JULY 2026**

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1. Matters will be heard in **open court** commencing at **09h30**.
2. Introductions will be done in open court when a matter is called.
3. All settlements, postponements and/or removals must immediately be brought to the attention of the Registrar and the Acting Judge by way of a "widely shared note" on CaseLines, as well as by way of an email to TsMpuru@judiciary.org.za and to antonlau@law.co.za.
4. Practitioners are requested to monitor "widely shared notes" for notes that may be shared by the Acting Judge.
5. Matters will be heard in order of the seniority of the practitioner arguing the matter.
6. Draft orders, which comply with the relevant requirements of this division regarding form and contents, to be uploaded to CaseLines in WORD as set out below. One (1) HARD COPY must be brought to court. The number on the roll and the usual disclaimer must be included.
7. A **section 001** is to be created on **CaseLines** headed "**Heads of argument and relevant documents**" containing (where relevant):

- 7.1 Draft order in Word.
- 7.2 Heads of argument.
- 7.3 Notice of set down with proof of service.
- 7.4 Practice note with proof of service.
- 7.5 SIC order with proof of service.
- 7.6 Latest actuarial report (reports only without notices).
- 7.7 Confirmation of seriousness of injuries or HPCSA outcome.
- 7.8 Order appointing *curator ad litem*.
- 7.9 Report by *curator ad litem*.
- 7.10 Consent to be appointed as trustee / *curator bonis*.
- 8. A **section 002** is to be created on **CaseLines** headed “**Rule 38(2) application**” containing the application and proof of service.
- 9. A **section 003** is to be created on **CaseLines** headed “**Application for default judgment**” containing the substantive application and proof of service.
- 10. A **section 004** is to be created on **CaseLines** headed “**Merits documents**” containing (where relevant):
 - 10.1 Merits concession or settlement.
 - 10.2 Affidavits.
 - 10.3 SAPS accident report form / docket.
 - 10.4 Any other relevant merits documents.
- 11. A **section 005** is to be created on **CaseLines** headed “**Expert reports and confirmatory affidavits**” containing the expert reports and confirmatory affidavits relied on.