



HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA

FROM THE CHAMBERS OF ACTING JUDGE SMIT

25 SEPTEMBER 2026

TO: ALL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

DIRECTIVE FOR DEFAULT JUDGEMENTS TRIAL COURT PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE HONOURABLE ACTING JUSTICE SMIT FOR 28 SEPTEMBER 2026 TO 2 OCTOBER 2026

1. All matters will be heard virtually at 10h00. The virtual Microsoft teams link is:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/324151412636626?p=C65BlwRccNBuyCUoaT>
2. Matters will be heard in order of seniority, with removals and postponements to be heard first. The remainder of the matters will be thereafter in order of seniority of Counsel.
3. Should any matter become settled, inform the Registrar Dineo Makgeru at DMakgeru@judiciary.org.za as soon as possible. In the event of Settlement also ensure that the following documents is uploaded on Case Lines at the hearing: Offer and acceptance, Draft Order, Confirmation letter in respect of draft order. Settled matters will not be removed to the Settlement Roll, provided all requirements are met.
4. In all instances where a Draft Order is uploaded to be made an Order of Court, the Order will not be made pending the e-mail of the draft order in Word format to the Registrar Dineo Makgeru at DMakgeru@judiciary.org.za, signed and uploaded onto Case lines. Please ensure there are no typographical errors on the Draft Orders and that same complies with the requirements of Draft Orders before they are e-mailed or uploaded on Case Lines. (If there are any documents annexed to the Draft Order i.e

a Trust Deed or letter of consent, same must be uploaded in separated sub-sections under the copies of the Draft Order.)

5. All Draft Orders must be uploaded on CaseLines under a separate heading. Heads of argument must be uploaded under a separate pocket **HEADS OF ARGUMENT** by **16h00** on the day before the set down date. Matters to be heard on a Monday, the Heads of argument needs to be uploaded on the Friday preceding before 16h00.
6. Ensure matters are fully uploaded on CaseLines by 16h00 pm the day before date of hearing to facilitate reading of the papers.

SMIT AJ
ACTING JUDGE OF
THE HIGH COURT
PRETORIA