



HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA, GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA
FROM THE CHAMBERS OF MADAM JUSTICE RETIEF

18 AUGUST 2026

TO: ALL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

DIRECTIVE

FAMILY COURT: 24 TO 28 AUGUST 2026
BEFORE MADAM JUSTICE RETIEF J AND MADAM
JUSTICE OZAH AJ

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1. Kindly note that all family court matters which will be heard on the week of **24 AUGUST 2026 to 28 AUGUST 2026** will be heard in **Open Court** at **10h00 unless otherwise directed**. (Details of the court allocated should be checked on the day roll)
2. Matters will be allocated as per the general roll attached. and counsel need only appear on the day allocated as per the allocated roll to follow.
3. Plaintiffs in unopposed divorce matters are as a general rule, are not required to appear in person in which case, an uploaded evidence affidavit will suffice. However, should no evidence affidavit be upload alternatively, if the Family Advocate has not endorsed the settlement agreement and/or raised a query, the Plaintiff **MUST** be ready to testify.
4. All parties testifying **MUST** be suitably dressed for Court.
5. Parties must ensure that a case profile is created for their matter on Caselines and all relevant documents must be uploaded thereon before **12h00 on the Thursday, before the week in which your matter is enrolled No further papers will be considered after 12h00 on that Thursday, nor are documents to be uploaded without the Judge's leave.**
6. If a **draft order** is to be made an order of court, **one hard copy** must be brought to be

handed up in court. **Draft Orders and settlement agreements**, if applicable, must correctly indicate the Judge's name (i.e. RETIEF J), date on which the matter was heard, in which court and at the end of the draft order the party must indicate the name and contact details of their counsel and their instructing attorney.

7. Introductions to Judges shall take place at **09H30. Please note that Judge Retief's chambers are situated at office 176, the Palace of Justice.**
8. Please contact Judge Retief's secretary at **012 314 9002** or via email at ENombanga@judiciary.org.za for any enquiries and assistance relating to matters **not** allocated or appearing on Judge Retief's allocated roll.
9. **The general and allocated rolls will be published tomorrow before 12h00, 19 August 2026.**