



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
THE HONOURABLE JUDGE D. MAKHOBA

HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

GAUTENG DIVISION

P.O. BOX 442, PRETORIA

28 MAY 2026

TO: ALL PRACTITIONERS

IN RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUDGE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVE DATED 29 MAY 2026.
THE URGENT COURT OF 29 MAY 2026 (16h00) TO 05 JUNE 2026 (16h00) BEFORE JUDGE
D MAKHOBA.

1. All applications which have already been enrolled by 12:00 on Thursday 28 May 2026 (when the roll closed) are indicated on the roll for Urgent Applications. Separate rolls will later be distributed for Judge Makhoba after the allocation of matters has been finalised.
2. All applications should already have been uploaded on Caselines as required in terms of par. 28.1 to 28.10 of the JP's Directive of 26 February 2024. When an application is brought for Tuesday at 10:00 the applicant must ensure that all the relevant papers are filed by no later the preceding Thursday at 12:00. If an application has not been filed, or all papers not fully uploaded by 12:00 on

Thursday (28 May 2026) (when the roll closed, and subject to the degrees of urgency), the application may not be heard and may be struck off the roll. Papers which have not been properly indexed and paginated also run the risk of being struck off the roll.

3. In all matters (opposed and unopposed) a Practice Note as well as Heads of Argument must also be served and filed (on Caselines only and **not** to be sent to the Judge's Secretary) by all parties concerned. The application will then be adjudicated by means of an oral hearing in open court. All the matters will be heard on 02 June 2026 at 10am.
4. Failure to file Practice Note(s) and/or Heads of Argument timeously, will be an indication that there is no appearance for the party concerned and the application may then either be struck off the roll or be dealt with in the absence of such party.
5. The Practice note must indicate at least the following (to assist the Judge who will do the allocations and for both Judges to be used in their preparation):
 - 5.1. Particulars and contact details of the legal practitioners;
 - 5.2. Nature of the relief sought (without referring to the notice of motion);
 - 5.3. Total number of pages;
 - 5.4. A brief of summary of the factual as well as legal issues involved;
 - 5.5. A clear indication (without referring to the heads of argument) which portion of the papers must be read and which not;
 - 5.6. The main issues to be considered;
 - 5.7. A brief summary of the urgency or absence thereof;
 - 5.8. Whether there was service by the sheriff, and if not, why not (unopposed applications);
 - 5.9. Estimated duration;
 - 5.10. Whether the matter is opposed or not.

Failure to file a practice note setting out all the above information, par by par individually, may result in the application being struck off the roll and a punitive cost order be granted.

6. The Practice Note must be served and filed (on Caselines only) by no later than Friday (29 May 2026) at 09:00 (for the allocations to be done as soon as possible (failing which the matter may be struck off the roll) and the Heads of Argument by no later than Monday (01 June 2026) at 10:00 (on Caselines only). The application must also set out the reasons, in the Heads of Argument, why the matter is so urgent that it must be heard during the week concerned. By referring to the evidence in the founding affidavit. In unopposed matters the applicant must also indicate, in the practice note, where in the court papers the Sheriff's return of service is to be found.
7. The Practice Directive regarding Urgent Applications will still apply (to opposed and unopposed applications) and the Rules pertaining to urgency will be strictly enforced. If a matter is not ready to be adjudicated on the date and the time indicated in the notice of motion (subject to the degrees of urgency) and/or is not urgent as indicated in the Rules and the Practice Directive, it may be struck off the roll in which event a punitive costs order may be made.
8. **All new applications**, after hours or during court hours, must first be brought to the attention of Judge Makhoba's Secretary. In this regard the provisions of the Practice Manual will apply *mutatis mutandis*. All the provisions regarding the Practice Note and Heads of Argument referred to above, will apply *mutatis Mutandis* to all new applications. All Rules and Principles regarding urgency will also apply to these applications and will be strictly enforced. The urgent court cellular number for Pretoria is: 068 104 7107.
9. **Filing of papers which were impossible to upload on Caselines, must be done via email to the Judge's clerks, with an affidavit explaining what steps were taken to upload, when and by whom the steps were taken and why it was not possible to upload on Caselines. The Judge's Secretary must then be informed telephonically that an email has been sent.**

Particulars of Judge Makhoba's Secretary are as follows:

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10. It should finally be pointed out that there is a growing tendency (especially during recess) to abuse the urgent court in two ways: First, to set matters down which are not ripe for hearing, not being urgent or where self-created urgency is applicable. This will not be allowed. Second, the urgent court is not intended to hear complex factual and/or legal issues scattered over hundreds of pages and which may take a long time to consider and finalise (when new matters may also be encountered on a daily basis in the urgent court). This will prevent other parties having their matters be adjudicated in time. Such complex cases may be removed from the roll and the parties may be referred to the Deputy Judge President for a special court to be allocated at some time in future.
11. All practitioners are requested to prepare a draft court order by using "MS Word Format" (to allow for alterations) and to upload it onto Caselines only. A failure to comply with this request may result in the application being struck off the roll.
12. It is the Duty of the Applicant's attorney to ensure that the matter is timeously (before the closing of the roll) and fully uploaded onto Caselines, with a proper index to identify and find documents easily, and that the Judge will have access to it. All matters will be heard on 02 June 2026 at 10:00 am. There will be no exception or allocations to other dates or days.

D Makhoba

JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT

PRETORIA