



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA, GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA
FROM THE CHAMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE MHLANGA AJ**

16 SEPTEMBER 2026

TO: ALL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

**DIRECTIVES FOR SPECIAL DEFAULT TRIAL ROLL BEFORE THE
HONOURABLE JUSTICE MHLANGA AJ COMMENCING ON 22 SEPTEMBER
2026**

1. Matters will be heard **in open court** commencing at 10:00. The Court in which the matters will be heard will appear on the Day Roll.
2. All documents are to be uploaded to Caselines by **no later than 16h00 on FRIDAY, the 18th of SEPTEMBER 2026 for matters to be heard on TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2026.**
3. Failure to comply with this mandatory directive may result in the matter being removed from the roll.
4. Heads of Arguments, Practice notes and a draft order must be uploaded to Caselines under a separate folder (see para 3 above).

5. Where matters have **already become defended or settled prior to the hearing**, the parties are to inform Ms. Mapaseka Maelane of this fact immediately by e-mail to MMaelane@judiciary.org.za thereafter, upload a draft order, and bring a hard copy of the draft order to court should they wish the matter to be removed. This will avoid unnecessary perusal and preparation.
6. One hard copy of the draft order is to be handed up on the day of hearing. Parties are to ensure that the case details, courtroom, and Judges' details are correct on the draft order.
7. The details of a representative from the State Attorney or claims handler (where not defended) and link number must be contained on the last page of the draft order.
8. Draft orders to be handed to court should bear the words 'Court Order' and not a 'Draft Order'.

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