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NOTICE

TO:

1. **Judges of the Gauteng Division, Johannesburg**
2. **Chief Registrar, Gauteng Division, Johannesburg**
3. **Legal Practice Council - Gauteng**
4. **Law Society of South Africa**
5. **Gauteng Family Law Forum**
6. **Gauteng Attorneys Association**
7. **Pretoria Attorneys Association**
8. **Johannesburg Attorneys Association**
9. **West Rand Attorneys Association**
10. **South African Black Women in Law**
11. **National Association of Democratic Lawyers**
12. **Black Lawyers Association**
13. **South African Women Lawyers Association**
14. **South African Medical Malpractice Lawyers Association**

15. **Personal Injury Plaintiff Lawyers Association**
16. **South African Medico-Legal Association**
17. **Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Pretoria and Johannesburg**
18. **Office of the State Attorneys, Pretoria and Johannesburg**
19. **Solicitor General**
20. **Office of the Family Advocate, Pretoria and Johannesburg**
21. **Legal Aid South Africa**
22. **Johannesburg Society of Advocates**
23. **Pretoria Society of Advocates**
24. **Gauteng Society of Advocates**
25. **Pan African Bar Association of South Africa**
26. **General Council of the Bar of South Africa**
27. **National Bar Council of South Africa**
28. **South African Bar Association**
29. **National Forum of Advocates**
30. **North Gauteng Association of Advocates**
31. **Church Square Association of Advocates**
32. **Advocates for Transformation**
33. **Legal Division of the Department of Health: Gauteng**
34. **Legal Division of the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation**
35. **Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development**
36. **Legal Services - Gauteng Provincial Department of Education**
37. **Gauteng Society of Advocates**

DATE : 5 August 2026

DIRECTIVE RE : THE RIGHT OF AUDIENCE OF LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BEFORE THE TAXING MASTER

EXPLANATION

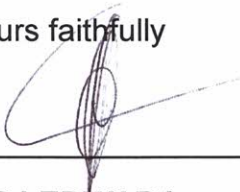
On 14 June 2022, the retired Deputy Judge Roland Sutherland issued a notice in respect of the right of audience of legal practitioners before the Taxing Master. The notice is hereto attached and marked 'ABC'.

The acting Chief Registrar informed me that in the Gauteng Division High Court, Pretoria, costs consultations who are not legal practitioners insist on appearing before the Taxing Master.

DIRECTIVE

Paragraph 1-5 of the Notice will be applicable and enforced in the Gauteng Division, High Court, Pretoria from 30 September 2026.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'L' shape with a horizontal stroke extending to the right, positioned above a solid horizontal line.

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**JUDGE PRESIDENT OF THE GAUTENG DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT OF
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