IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG

MONDAY 04TH MAY 2026

THE DEFAULT MODE OF HEARING OF MATTERS IS IN PHYSICAL COURT

EVEN THOUGH THE DEFAULT MODE OF HEARINGS IS PHYSICAL, JUDGES MAY ELECT TO PROCEED VIRTUALLY

LITIGANTS ARE TO CONFIRM THE MANNER IN WHICH THE HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

IN VIRTUAL HEARINGS, THE LINK WILL BE CREATED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE AND CIRCULATED TO THE LITIGANTS

OPPOSED MOTION

9C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ADAMS J

9E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WENTZEL J

9F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE S KRUGER AJ

8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE LIEBENBERG AJ

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE M VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN AJ

INSOLVENCY COURT

11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOTHA J

11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ROME AJ

SUMMARY JUDGMENT COURT

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE W DU PLESSIS J

GA BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE KHABA AJ

UNOPPOSED MOTION

GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUGDE MAHOSI J

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE A BOTHA AJ

GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ALLEN AJ

URGENT APPLICATIONS

9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE FISHER J

9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE C E THOMPSON AJ

SPECIAL MOTION

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAIER-FRAWLEY J

FAMILY COURT

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WRIGHT J

11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WILSON J

SPECIAL INTERLOCUTORY COURT

11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MALI J

GB BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MANOIM J

RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAGODI AJ

8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ALLY AJ

INCOME TAX COURT

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE S VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN AJ

COMMERCIAL COURT

4E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SENYATSI J
2019/22676

CRIMINAL APPEALS

4C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE YACOOB J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE P JOHNSON AJ
A09/2022 A2025/12964 A97/2023

FULL COURT APPEALS: CIVIL

11F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE TWALA J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE CRUTCHFIELD J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DLAMINI J
A2023-061832

CIVIL TRIAL OF LONG DURATION

6E BEFORE THE HONORUABLE JUDGE OPPERMAN J
2021/54312

GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS

6A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MDALANA-MAYISELA J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NOKO J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOULTRIE J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAKGATE AJ

6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MTEMBU AJ

THE CIVIL TRIAL ROLL BEFORE MODIBA ADJP

THERE SHALL BE NO PHYSICAL TRIAL ROLL CALL.

PARTIES MUST COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAGH 19 OF THE REVISED CONSOLIDATED PRACTICE DIRECTIVE 01 OF 2024 (With effect from 26 February 2024 and amended on 12 June 2024)

LITIGANTS' ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO PARAGRAPHS 16 – 19 OF THE MEDIATION DIRECTIVE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON 22 APRIL 2025 AS AMENDED ON 27 OCTOBER 2025

Regarding Practice Notes:

1. *What is envisaged is a practice note filed **shortly before the trial** after a last check on whether a trial is necessary at all, and if so, how expeditiously can it be conducted. Axiomatically this assessment can only be made shortly before trial.*

2. *In several instances, a practice note is filed months before the trial date. This is of **no value** in declaring the status quo on the eve of trial. When matters are struck off because no recent practice note was filed, parties are understandably disappointed. The **recent** practice note is critical to the optimal utilisation of court*

time, and it must therefore be so that it must indeed be recent.

3. *Litigants' attention is drawn to paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of Practice Directive 01 of 2024 which came into effect from 26 February 2024 and which were amended on 12 June 2024. The practice note, prepared in accordance with the practice note templates annexed to the Directive must be uploaded not earlier than **7 court** days and not later than **5 court** days before the hearing set-down. If no practice note is timeously uploaded (or uploaded after the cut-off date), the matter shall automatically be removed from the roll, and the date forfeited. If the practice note is non-compliant with the practice manual or Practice Directive 01 of 2024, the matter shall be automatically removed and similarly the date forfeited. The provision shall be strictly applied.*

4. *LAST DATE TO SUBMIT PRACTICE NOTES:* ***THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2026***

JUDGES, ACTING JUDGES AND LITIGANTS ARE REMINDED OF CHAPTER 6.9 OF THE PRACTICE MANUAL DATED OCTOBER 2018 WHICH DEALS WITH THE PROCEDURE TO ENROLL PART-HEARD CIVIL TRIALS

NOTE ON CIVIL TRIALS WHERE ON THE DAY IT IS CALLED THE PARTIES ANNOUNCE A DESIRE TO SETTLE

1. Judges and Acting Judges serving in the civil trial court must be circumspect when confronted by parties who seek a stand-down to settle.
2. Valuable judicial time is squandered whilst waiting on an agreement to be produced, if at all.
3. The standard procedure is that if a trial is not ready to run at 10h00 on the set down date it should be removed with no costs order. The judge is then available to take the next case.
4. In a case where the parties do settle in that week, an agreement can be brought to the judge who was presiding for it to be made an order. If settled later, the opportunity to re-enrol it on the settlement roll on one weeks' notice remains available
5. The cases awaiting a judge's attention must not be left to linger and risk being crowded out.
6. The abuse by parties is particularly prevalent in RAF cases.

NUMBER ON ROLL	CASE NO	PARTIES	DATE TRIAL DATE APPLIED FOR	DATE TRIAL DATE GRANTED	ALLOCATION/ORDER GRANTED
PART A: GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS					
1.	2020/19688	ELMA STEYNBERG VS ESPARNIS CC AND 4 OTHERS	20/05/2024	02/07/2024	No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.
2.	2022/12745	VICTOR MANUEL DOS SANTOS PAULO VS 150 6TH STREET WYNBERG AND OTHERS	20/05/2024	02/07/2024	The action is withdrawn by notice – matter is settled
3.	2021/14183	PROJECT HOUSE PROJECT MANAGEMENT (PTY) LTD VS PAUL ROUSSOS	28/06/2024	24/07/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice

4.	2018/28171	NDIVHUDZANNYI DUNCAN N VS NATIONAL PROSECUTING AUTHORITY Plaintiff: Adv M W Sekgatja Defendant: Mr R Pooe Arrest, detention, malicious prosecution Merits and quantum Pre-trial conference: 15 July 2024 Minutes filed: 08 August 2024 Estimated duration: 3 days	02/08/2024	14/08/2024	**MDALANA-MAYISELA J** Secretary: Ms A Mshayisa Email: AMshayisa@judiciary.org.za
5.	2022/2694	TIMOTHY PAUL HOGINS VS LEONARD MINAAR AND OTHER	04/06/2024	02/07/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice
6.	2018/31311	MOLOI LERATO VS CITY OF JHB AND OTHER	04/06/2024	02/07/2024	No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.

7.	2007/17144	MITTAL STEEL SOUTH AFRICA LTD VS CADAC (PTY) LTD Plaintiff: Adv I Posthumus Defendant: Adv M De Oliveira Money judgment Merits Pre-trial conference: 25 April 2024 Minutes filed: 14 May 2024 Estimated duration; 3 – 4 days	14/06/2024	02/07/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice
8.	2014/18207	BOTHA ADRIAAN VS EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN Plaintiff: Adv D J Smit Defendant: Adv B P Geach SC Action for recovery of damages arising from personal injuries sustained due to failure to maintain road Quantum The parties wish to present a draft order regarding the timelines for the filing of the defendant's outstanding expert witness reports, the compiling of joint minutes between contra-lateral experts, the defendant's proposal of mediators and the commencement of mediation proceedings. Estimated duration: 15 minutes	24/06/2024	02/07/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll as the matter is not ripe for hearing

9.	2021/46569	MAGNAVOLT TRADING 27 CC VS SANTAM LIMITED	04/06/2024	02/07/2024	No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.
10.	2022/4003	THE FLOWER FOUNDATION RETIREMENT HOMES VS JOHN DENNIS COMNINOS	20/06/2024	02/07/2024	No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.

11.	2021/28751	MARIA MIRINDZI VS CITY OF JOHANNESBURG	14/06/2024	02/07/2024	No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.
12.	2018/24109	SIBUSISO KHUMALO VS MEC FOR HEALTH, GAUTENG	20/06/2024	02/07/2024	No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.

13.	2018/24109	CANNING DAWNE LOUISE AND 3 OTHERS	20/06/2024	02/07/2024	No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.
14.	2018/30408	SHIRLEY WATKINS VS MINISTER OF POLICE AND OTHER	14/06/2024	02/07/2024	No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.

PART B: ROAD ACCIDENT FUND					
MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE ROLL BY NOTICE					

MATTERS NOT ON THE ROLL, COURT FILES ARE NOT WITH ROLL CALLING JUDGE

1. The civil trial roll is submitted to the Office of the Deputy Judge President by the Registrar approximately nine (09) court days before the trial date and was correct when it reached the Secretary of the Deputy Judge President.
2. The roll received from the registrar's office is then posted on the website of the Johannesburg Society of Advocates approximately five (05) court days before the trial date, where litigants may inspect the roll.
3. The failure of the registrar to include matters on the roll must be taken up with the Registrar by no later than five (05) court days before the trial date. For that purpose, kindly approach the registrar, **Ms N Mvumbi (NMvumbi@judiciary.org.za / 010 494 8399**) timeously to enquire about the enrolment.
4. If the **registrar** approves the enrolment, the matter may be enrolled and dealt with. If the registrar declines the enrolment, the parties may apply for a new trial date in terms of the existing Practice Directives.
5. Last-minute enquiries will not be accommodated.
