# IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024

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**

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9C	BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MUDAU	J

- 9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MILLAR J
- 9E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WILSON J
- 9F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE RAUBENHEIMER AJ
- 8E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE AUCAMP AJ
- 8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE A. D'OLIVEIRA AJ

#### **UNOPPOSED MOTION**

- GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUGDE YACOOB J
- GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SENYATSI J
- GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAIER-FRAWLEY J

# **URGENT APPLICATIONS**

- 9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WRIGHT J
- 9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE TWALA J

#### **SPECIAL MOTION**

8D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE FISHER J 2024-077748

## **INCOME TAX COURT**

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE CRUTCHFIELD J

#### **FAMILY COURT**

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ABRO AJ

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE GOODENOUGH AJ

#### SPECIAL INTERLOCUTORY COURT

GB BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MINNAAR AJ

#### RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WEIDEMAN AJ

#### **CRIMINAL APPEALS**

6F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ISMAIL J

AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAKAMU J

A69/2024 A80/2023 A144/2023 A93/2024 A97/2024 A92/2024

# **CIVIL TRIALS OF LONG DURATION**

GA BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ALLEN AJ 2022/10573

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SNYMAN AJ

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MABASA AJ 2018/21491

#### **GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS**

- 11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ADAMS J
- 8E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SIWENDU J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DIPPENAAR J

- 11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHLANGU AJ
- 11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VELE AJ
- 6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DOMINGO AJ

- 6A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOKOTEDI AJ
- 6C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE GEORGIADES AJ

#### THE CIVIL TRIAL ROLL BEFORE SUTHERLAND DJP.

#### 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)

#### **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: MONDAY, 20 JANUARY 2025

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.

The abuse by parties is particularly prevalent in RAF cases.

NUMBER	CASE NO	PARTIES	DATE TRIAL	DATE TRIAL DATE GRANTED	ALLOCATION/ORDER
ON ROLL			DATE APPLIED		GRANTED
			FOR		
PART A: G	ENERAL CIVIL	TRIALS		,	1
1.	2022-031484	ELSA SCHEEPERS VS WE	20/07/2023	24/10/2023	DOMINGO AJ
		BUY CARS (PTY) LTD			Secretary: Mr T Makheda
		Plaintiff: Adv A Vosloo-De Wit	t		Email:
		1st Defendant: Mr A Prinsloo			TMakheda@judiciary.org.za
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Defendant: Adv J W Steyn			
		Delictual claim for injuries	6		The parties filed a Notice
		sustained when a chair broke	9		Withdrawal and a Notice
		and the plaintiff fell			Removal
		Pre-trial conference: 20 June	e		
		2023;			
		10 December 2024			
		Estimated duration: 2 – 3 days			
2.	2020/28727	NETWORK LEADERSHIP (PTY	31/08/2023	14/10/2023	Matter is removed from the tr
		LTD VS LOMBARD			roll by notice
		INSURANCE COMPANY LTD			

3.	2019/10389	PRIME TRADE	FINANCE	19/10/2023	30/10/2023	ADAMS J
		(RF)(PTY) LT	D VS			Secretary: Ms G Dlamini
		GERHARDUS M	1ARTHINUS			Email: <u>GDlamini@judiciary.org.z</u>
		PETRUS DELPORT				
		Plaintiff: Adv E	E Fasser			
		Defendant: Adv P Str	athern SC			
		Damages arising fr	om (1) an			
		alleged breach o	of contract			
		concluded between	the plaintiff			
		and defendant,				
		(2) alternatively a	an alleged			
		breach of statutor	y fiduciary			
		duties owed by the o	defendant to			
		the plaintiff, (3	3) further			
		alternatively allege	d culpable			
		misrepresentations n	nade by the			
		defendant to the plai	ntiff, as well			
		as				
		(4) an order de	claring the			
		defendant a delinque	ent director.			

Pre-trial conference: 08 August
2023
Minutes filed: 29 September
2023
Estimated duration: 4 – 5 days

4.	2022/16725	BHBW SOUTH AFRICA (PTY)21/0	09/2023 30/10/202	DIPPENAAR J
		LTD VS NABIELAH		Secretary: Ms J Blake
		HARDWARE CC AND OTHERS		Email: <u>JBlake@judiciary.org.za</u>
		Plaintiff: Adv M D Silver		
		Defendant: Adv M van Staden		
		Rental agreement in respect of a		
		forklift and deeds of suretyship.		
		The claim is for payment of		
		arrear rental and damages for		
		breach. The defendants'		
		counterclaim is for a declaration		
		that the agreement is void and		
		that it be set aside and		
		restitution of payment made.		
		The defendants' also raised a		
		defence based on the		
		Conventional Penalties Act 15 of		
		1962		
		Pre-trial conference: 03 July		
		2024		

		Minutes filed: 15 July 2024			
		Estimated duration: 3 days			
5.	2021/3496	LUVUYO GLADNESS	23/10/2023	26/10/2023	MOKOTEDI AJ
		MAGIBISELA AND OTHERS VS			Mr S Maja
		THE COUNCIL OF			Email SMaja@judiciary.org.za
		EKURHULENI AND OTHERS			
		Plaintiff: Adv M Mthombeni			
		Merits			
		Electrocution and death of minor			

	child		
	Estimated duration: 2 – 3 days		

6.	2021/25994	VENTER MARKUS AND 30/08/202	23 18/10/2023	The action is withdrawn by noti
		OTHER VS BOATING		the matter having been settled
		INTERNATIONAL CC AND		
		OTHER		
7.	2014/23347	HECTOR PAREDES 09/06/202	23 18/10/2023	GEORGIADES AJ
		TARAZONA VS WORLEY		Secretary: Ms K Ramokgola
		PARSONS SOUTH AFRICA		Email:
		(PTY) LTD		KoRamokgola@judiciary.org.za
		Plaintiff: Adv A Bishop		
		Defendant: Adv J Potter		
		Contractual dispute – payment of		
		the plaintiff's retention bonus		
		and notice payout in terms of his		
		South African employment		
		contract with the defendant. The		
		amount claimed is calculated		
		from 30 April 2014, together with		
		costs.		
		Defendant recently became		
		aware that the plaintiff no longer		

reside in South Africa and does	
not have property in this country.	
The defendant has filed a Rule	
47 notice for security for costs.	
Pre-trial conference: 18 April	
2023 Estimated duration: 5 days	

8.	2015/20272	PATRICIA	MOLOI	AND 13/10/2023	23/01/2024	No practice note (as set out
		OTHERS VS	BENONO	GOLD		paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5
		MINE SAND	AND STON	E AKA		the Judge President's Practi
		BGM SAND	AND STON	E AND		Directive 01 of 2024 as
		OTHERS				amended on 12 June 2024) w
						uploaded to the electronic file
						Matter is struck off from
						the trial roll.
PART B:	ROAD ACCIDE	NT FUND				
MATTER	S REMOVED FR	ROM THE ROLL	BY NOTIC	E		
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# 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 (Court days before the trial date, where litigants may inspect the roll.
- 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 to 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 mapply for a new trial date in terms of the existing Practice Directives.
- 5. Last-minute enquiries will not be accommodated.