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NOTICE

TO

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2. Secretariat – Judicial Case Flow Management, Office of the Chief Justice
3. Registrars - Gauteng Division of the High Court, Johannesburg and Pretoria
4. Legal Practice Council – Gauteng
5. Law Society of South Africa
6. Johannesburg Society of Advocates
7. Pan African Bar Association of South Africa
8. Gauteng Family Law Forum
9. Gauteng Attorneys Association
10. Pretoria Attorneys Association
11. Johannesburg Attorneys Association
12. West Rand Attorneys Association
13. South African Black Women in Law
14. South African Women Lawyers Association
15. General Council of the Bar of South Africa
16. National Bar Council of South Africa
17. South African Bar Association
18. National Forum for Advocates
19. Pretoria Society of Advocates
20. North Gauteng Association of Advocates
21. Church Square Association of Advocates
22. Advocates for Transformation
23. Black Lawyers Association
24. South African Medical Malpractice Lawyers Association
25. Personal Injury Plaintiff Lawyers Association
26. National Association of Democratic Lawyers

27. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Pretoria and Johannesburg
28. Office of the State Attorneys, Pretoria and Johannesburg
29. CEO – Legal Aid South Africa
30. CEO – Road Accident Fund
31. CEO – PRASA
32. Director General – Gauteng Province
33. Head of Legal Department – Department of Health – Gauteng Province
34. South African Medico-Legal Association
35. Solicitor General :

DATE : 06 January 2022

RE : NOTICE TO ALL LITIGATION ATTORNEYS IN GAUTENG
in re JOHANNESBURG UNOPPOSED MOTION COURT

1. At the end of the last term of 2021, I sent out a circular to announce, among other things, that the number of judges in the unopposed motion court would be doubled in term 1 of 2022, and thereby reduce the lead time to a hearing. I regret that we are unable to make good on that announcement. The required number of judges cannot be made available.
2. Some practitioners took up the invitation to accelerate the hearing date of their matters and these revised dates have now had to be withdrawn. For the obvious inconvenience and waste of effort, I offer my apologies.
3. We remain committed to reduce the lead times for hearings. We shall not be able to introduce any innovations before the second term of 2022. Consultations with the leadership of the Bar and the Attorneys shall be conducted in regard to aspects of the organisation of the Unopposed Motion Court, and other courts. This shall include the prospects of acting appointments in order to expand the judicial capacity of the court.

Yours faithfully

*Dictated by the Deputy Judge President
Electronically transmitted, therefore no signature*

ROLAND SUTHERLAND
DEPUTY JUDGE PRESIDENT