

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA  
GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA**

**URGENT COURT DIRECTIVE:**  
**(WEEK COMMENCING ON 24 February 2026)**

**BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE VAN ROOYEN AJ:**

1. Take note that the Practice directive dealing with urgent applications will be strictly applied.

In this regard:

- 1.1 Matters that were not ready at the close of the roll, that is **12h00 on Thursday 19 February 2025**, and files where the Judge's secretary has not been invited to Caselines, will not be allocated and will be struck unless there are good cause or exceptional circumstances shown in an affidavit to explain same. Any difficulties encountered must be communicated to the Judge's secretary timeously.
- 1.2 In all applications a practice note must be filed setting out the following:
  - 1.2.1 The grounds of urgency;
  - 1.2.2 Nature of the relief sought;
  - 1.2.3 Total number of pages;
  - 1.2.4 An indication as to which portion of the papers must be read;
  - 1.2.5 The estimated duration of the matter; and
  - 1.2.6 Contact details of the legal practitioner, which must include both cell phone number and email address.
- 1.3 Applications without practice notes, will be struck from the roll.
- 1.4 **Master bundles must be properly indexed and paginated. Each document must be individually identified, including annexures. If not, the application will be struck from the roll.**
- 1.5 Save with the leave of the Judge, no documents (save for heads of argument) may be uploaded after 16h00 on Thursday, 19 February 2026.

- 1.6 In all **opposed applications**, heads of argument, by all parties, must be uploaded by no later than **14h00 on Monday 2026**.
2. Unless otherwise specified, all applications will be heard in open court on the date and time allocated.
3. Parties must attend to notes made by the Judge on Caselines as a matter of urgency.
4. Communication relating to matters before Acting Judge Van Rooyen may be directed to Ms T Mabada: [TMabada@judiciary.org.za](mailto:TMabada@judiciary.org.za).
5. Counsel only needs to appear on the allocated dates and times. An allocation is not an indication that the application is deemed urgent.
6. Applications allocated to the roll call on Tuesday, 24 February 2026: if the application is found to be urgent, then counsel should be available for an allocation to later in the week.
7. Applications heard out of the ordinary court hours will be heard via Microsoft Teams at a time indicated by the Judge.
8. Parties must have a copy of the draft order available to be handed up in court.
9. Service of process in all urgent applications shall comply with the Rules of Court. Where an agreement was reached by all the representatives of all parties to vary the requirements of the Rules to facilitate a wholly electronic exchange of papers, this must be specifically stated in the practice note.

Regards

Miss T Mabada

Secretary to the Honourable Acting Judge Van Rooyen

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