

OFFICE OF THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE N.N BAM J THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA

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TO: ALL PRACTITIONERS

PRACTICE DIRECTIVE: OPPOSED MOTIONS BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE BAM J: 06 – 10 MARCH 2023 – VIRTUAL via MICROSOFT TEAMS – COURT WILL START AT 10:00

The opposed motions will be dealt with as follows:

- 1. All matters will be heard via **MICROSOFT TEAMS.**
- 2. The link will be sent to the Bar Associations for the attention of the Legal Practitioners (LPs).
- 3. It is mandatory for LPs to attend roll call on Monday, 6 March at 10h00 so as to identify and dispose of those matters that are to be postponed, removed or have become settled.
- 4. Papers are to be properly indexed and paginated with a Practice Note in line with the latest Practice Directive, dated 11 June 2021. If this is not done your matter will be struck from the roll.

- 5. Failure to file a Practice Note(s) and/or Heads of Argument timeously, will be an indication that there is no appearance for the party concerned and the application may then either be struck off the roll or be dealt with in the absence of such party.
- 6. On the question of the Practice Note, a deficient Practice Note will be disregarded and your matter will still be removed. LPs are to refer to the Practice Manual and the Judge President's prevailing directives.
- 7. The Practice Note must indicate at least the following (to assist the Judge in her preparation):
 - 7.1 Particulars and contact details of the legal practitioners;
 - 7.2 Brief background, with the factual and legal issues identified;
 - 7.3 The nature of the relief sought, (not a regurgitation of the Notice of Motion);
 - 7.4 Submissions and legal authority, the party is relying on, at high level;
 - 7.5 A clear indication (without referring to the heads of argument) of which portion/s of the papers must be read.
 - 7.6 The total number of pages; and
 - 7.7 Estimated time required for argument
- 8. Failure to file a Practice Note setting out all the above information paragraph by paragraph, may result in the application being struck off the roll and a punitive cost order be granted in appropriate cases.
- 9. LPs are to refrain from contacting the Judge directly, either by way of an email, WhatsApp or phone.

We trust that you will find the above in order.

Best regards,

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