

NOTICE REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUDGE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVES FOR FAMILY COURT BEFORE JUDGE SWANEPOEL.

20 - 24 January 2025.

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1. Proceedings will be heard in open court starting at 10:00am.

2. IN COURT ONLINE MATTERS THAT WERE NOT DISPLAYING ON CASE LINES BY THE TIME THE ROLL CLOSED, the Applicant must ensure that the matters are reflecting on CaseLines by <u>Friday 17 January 2025 at 08h00</u>, and that all documents are uploaded. Matters that do not reflect on Caselines by the above date and time will be removed from the roll.

- A complete *practice note*, stating the identity of counsel and attorneys, their contact details, the nature of the application, the issues to be decided, and an estimate of the duration must be uploaded by *Wednesday 15 January* 2025.
- 4. If there is any other information to be conveyed, it must also be stated in the practice note.
- 5. In all opposed matters *heads of argument* must be filed by **Friday 17**January 2025.
- Draft Orders, indicating the date and particulars of the Judge, must be filed on Caselines by Friday 17 January 2025 for the court to consider.

- 7. It is the responsibility of the applicant's attorney to ensure that the matter is timeously, properly and fully uploaded onto Caselines. Late filing or updates will not be accepted.
- 8. Divorce matters will be heard on Monday 20 January 2025.
- Rule 43 applications, numbers 41 and 43 will be also heard on Monday, after the divorce roll has been finalised.
- 10. Other family court matters, Numbers 45, 47, 49, 51 and 53 will be heard at 10h00 on Tuesday 21 January 2025 in Open Court commencing at 10h00.
- 11. Matters 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67 and 69 were not appearing on CaseLines when the roll was finalized will also be dealt with on Tuesday 21 January 2025.
- 12. In divorce matters in which there are no children, the parties do not have to appear. Counsel must, however, appear to mention the matter. In such matters the plaintiff must ensure that all the relevant affidavits have been filed.
- 13.In divorce matters where there are children involved, the plaintiff (or defendant, if applicable) must appear in court.

<u>J SWANEPOEL</u> <u>JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT</u> PRETORIA