

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA  
GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG  
WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

**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**

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SENYATSI J

9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WANLESS J

11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOSI J

9F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE G. FOURIE AJ

8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MILLARD AJ

**UNOPPOSED MOTION**

GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE FISHER J

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE CRUTCHFIELD J

GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOULTRIE AJ

**URGENT APPLICATIONS**

9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MANOIM J

9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NOKO J

**SPECIAL MOTION**

11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE YACOOB J  
*2022/13965*

11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOTHA J  
*2023-115589*

**INCOME TAX COURT**

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MALI J  
*(IT46233) (2023/47)*

**FAMILY COURT**

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAIER-FRAWLEY J

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VAN DE VENTER AJ

**SPECIAL INTERLOCUTORY COURT**

GB BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WILSON J

**RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT**

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WEIDEMAN AJ

8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE S MEYER AJ

**GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS**

8E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MABESELE J

8E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WINDELL J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DIPPENAAR J  
(Competition Appeal Court)

6C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DLAMINI J

6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE M P KUMALO J

6A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE E DU PLESSIS J

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE REID J

9C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MFENYANA J

11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MATJELE AJ

6E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MATHUNZI AJ

2D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE LEDWABA AJ

2C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAUNATLALA AJ

2B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE YENDE AJ

# THE CIVIL TRIAL ROLL BEFORE SUTHERLAND DJP.

## THERE SHALL BE NO PHYSICAL TRIAL ROLL CALL.

PARTIES MUST COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 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: WEDNESDAY, 09 APRIL 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 ON ROLL	CASE NO	PARTIES	DATE TRIAL DATE APPLIED FOR	DATE TRIAL DATE GRANTED	ALLOCATION/ORDER GRANTED
<b>PART A: GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS</b>					
<b>PART B: ROAD ACCIDENT FUND</b>					
1.	2022/6353	SITHOLE ZINHLE ANGEL OBO MINOR VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv Z Buthelezi Merits and quantum (general damages; loss of earnings) Estimated duration: 1 day (if argued); 3 days (if evidence led) Interpreter to be used	<b>21/04/2023</b>	<b>12/11/2023</b>	<b>MATTER STANDS TO BE            ALLOCATED. THE            ALLOCATION WILL OCCUR            AS SOON AS A JUDGE            BECOMES AVAILABLE. THE            PARTIES WILL BE NOTIFIED            PER E-MAIL WHEN THE            ALLOCATION OCCURS.</b>  <b><u>MATTERS CROWDED OUT:</u>            IF ANY MATTER RIPE FOR            TRIAL CANNOT BE            ALLOCATED TO A JUDGE,            THE MATTER SHALL STAND            OVER UNTIL THE NEXT            COURT DAY</b>

2.	2022/15152	<p>MFABA GCINA VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND</p> <p>Plaintiff: Ms L Whittle</p> <p>Merits and quantum (future medical expenses; general damages; past and future loss of earnings; earning capacity)</p> <p>Pre-trial conference: 16 January 2023</p> <p>Minutes filed: 16 January 2023</p> <p>Estimated duration: 1 – 2 days</p>	14/07/2023	07-08-2023	<p><b>MATTER STANDS TO BE ALLOCATED. THE ALLOCATION WILL OCCUR AS SOON AS A JUDGE BECOMES AVAILABLE. THE PARTIES WILL BE NOTIFIED PER E-MAIL WHEN THE ALLOCATION OCCURS.</b></p> <p><b><u>MATTERS CROWDED OUT:</u></b>  <b>IF ANY MATTER RIPE FOR TRIAL CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO A JUDGE, THE MATTER SHALL STAND OVER UNTIL THE NEXT COURT DAY</b></p>
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3.	2016/30328	<b>MAKUWA THATO TOLERANCE VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND</b> Plaintiff: Ms L Molope-Madondo Defendant: Ms J Mhlanga Quantum (past and future loss of earnings) Pre-trial conference: 19 April 2023 Minutes filed: 05 July 2023 Estimated duration: 3 – 4 days Interpreter to be used	<b>14/07/2023</b>	<b>26-07-2023</b>	<b>MATTER STANDS TO BE ALLOCATED. THE ALLOCATION WILL OCCUR AS SOON AS A JUDGE BECOMES AVAILABLE. THE PARTIES WILL BE NOTIFIED PER E-MAIL WHEN THE ALLOCATION OCCURS.</b>  <u><b>MATTERS CROWDED OUT:</b></u> <b>IF ANY MATTER RIPE FOR TRIAL CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO A JUDGE, THE MATTER SHALL STAND OVER UNTIL THE NEXT COURT DAY</b>
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4.	2021/26417	<p><b>NETHAVHANANI TSHILOLO</b>  <b>OBO MINOR VS ROAD</b>  <b>ACCIDENT FUND</b>  Plaintiff: Mr T N Dzivhani  Defendant: Ms N Moyo  Merits (future medical expenses;  general damages; past and future  loss of earnings; earning capacity)  Estimated duration: 1 – 2 days</p>	<b>25/04/2023</b>	<b>14-06-2023</b>	<p><b>MATTER STANDS TO BE ALLOCATED. THE ALLOCATION WILL OCCUR AS SOON AS A JUDGE BECOMES AVAILABLE. THE PARTIES WILL BE NOTIFIED PER E-MAIL WHEN THE ALLOCATION OCCURS.</b></p> <p><b><u>MATTERS CROWDED OUT:</u></b>  <b>IF ANY MATTER RIPE FOR TRIAL CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO A JUDGE, THE MATTER SHALL STAND OVER UNTIL THE NEXT COURT DAY</b></p>
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5.	2020/5734	<p>KHAN CARLIN RICO VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND</p> <p>Plaintiff: Adv V Malema Defendant: Mr E M Mdlovu Merits and quantum (general damages; loss of earnings; future medical expenses) Pre-trial conference: 29 January 2025 Minutes filed: 29 January 2025 Estimated duration: 1 – 2 days</p>	01/07/2023	10-07-2023	<p><b>MATTER STANDS TO BE ALLOCATED. THE ALLOCATION WILL OCCUR AS SOON AS A JUDGE BECOMES AVAILABLE. THE PARTIES WILL BE NOTIFIED PER E-MAIL WHEN THE ALLOCATION OCCURS.</b></p> <p><b><u>MATTERS CROWDED OUT:</u></b> <b>IF ANY MATTER RIPE FOR TRIAL CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO A JUDGE, THE MATTER SHALL STAND OVER UNTIL THE NEXT COURT DAY</b></p>
6.	2022/018910	<p>JABULILE PRECIOUS SITHOLE VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND</p>	25/04/2023	17-01-2024	<p>No practice note (as set out in paragraphs 19.3, 19.4 and 19.5 of the Judge President's Practice Directive 01 of 2024 as amended on 12 June 2024) was uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.</p>

7.	2022/00070	NZIMA JONATHAN VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Mr R A Seedat Defendant: Mr E M Mdlovu Estimated duration: 2 – 3 days Merits and quantum (future medical expenses; general damages; past and future loss of earnings) Pre-trial conference: 14 April 2023	25/04/2023	17-01-2024	<b>MATTER STANDS TO BE            ALLOCATED. THE            ALLOCATION WILL OCCUR            AS SOON AS A JUDGE            BECOMES AVAILABLE. THE            PARTIES WILL BE NOTIFIED            PER E-MAIL WHEN THE            ALLOCATION OCCURS.</b>  <b><u>MATTERS CROWDED OUT:</u>            IF ANY MATTER RIPE FOR            TRIAL CANNOT BE            ALLOCATED TO A JUDGE,            THE MATTER SHALL STAND            OVER UNTIL THE NEXT            COURT DAY</b>
<b>MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE ROLL BY NOTICE</b>					

### 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 (05) court days before the trial date, where litigants may inspect the roll.
3. 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 the trial date. For that purpose, kindly approach the registrar, **Ms N Mvumbi** ([NMvumbi@judiciary.org.za](mailto: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 may apply for a new trial date in terms of the existing Practice Directives.

Last-minute enquiries will not be accommodated.

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