

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG
WEDNESDAY 23RD 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 DIPPENAAR J

9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE CRUTCHFIELD J

9F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MATSEMELA AJ

8E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOULTRIE AJ

8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SAWMA AJ

UNOPPOSED MOTION

GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WINDELL J

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE YACOOB J

GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NOKO J

URGENT APPLICATIONS

9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE FISHER J

9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE A JOUBERT AJ

SPECIAL MOTION

11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ADAMS J
(2022-046095)

11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SENYATSI J
2024-144541

9C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAIER-FRAWLEY J
(2023-048200)

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MANOIM J
2024-145534

INCOME TAX COURT

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MALI J
(IT46233)

FAMILY COURT

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MIA J

11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE M P KUMALO J

11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOSI J

SPECIAL INTERLOCUTORY COURT

GB BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VAN DE VENTER AJ

RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WEIDEMAN AJ

8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE J KILLIAN AJ

FULL COURT APPEALS – CIVIL

11F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE TWALA J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DLAMINI J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MFENYANA J
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GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS

8D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE KUBUSHI J

8C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WRIGHT J

6C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE REID J

6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MATJELE J

6A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MATHUNZI J

6D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE LEDWABA AJ

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MILLARD 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: MONDAY, 14 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.
6. 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
PART A: GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS					
PART B: ROAD ACCIDENT FUND					
1.	2018/29401	VAN DER BERGH MARTIN VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv S Oberholzer Defendant: Ms N Moyo Merits and quantum (past and future medical expenses; past and future loss of earnings; earning capacity; general damages) Pre-trial conference: 27 June 2023 Estimated duration: 1 day (if argued); 1 – 2 days (if evidence led)	03/08/2023	11/08/2023	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. <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

2.	2013/9042	ADV D M VAN DER BERG OBO WELCOME PASCO CHESTER VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	02/08/2023	11/08/2023	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.
3.	2022/14247	MAFOKOANE MOSIMA EUNICE VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv L B Pilusa Merits and quantum (general damages; future loss of earnings; earning capacity) Pre-trial conference: 25 April 2023 Minutes filed: 08 May 2023 Estimated duration: 90 minutes (if argued); 3 days (if evidence led)	18/05/2023	11/09/2023	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. <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

4.	2018/40823	FRANCINAH TSHILOLO NEMUDIBISA OBO MOLOGADI NEMUDIBISA VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv S B Vukeya Defendant: Ms J Mhlanga Quantum (loss of earnings) Pre-trial conference: 10 June 2023 Minutes filed: 12 June 2023 Estimated duration: 1 – 3 days Interpreter to be used	26/07/2023	10/08/2023	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. <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
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5.	2020/32315	<p>SITHOLE KHETHIWE VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND</p> <p>Plaintiff: Adv N Pather Defendant: Ms Y Ramjee</p> <p>Merits and quantum (future medical expenses; past and future loss of earnings; earning capacity; general damages)</p> <p>Pre-trial conference: 29 May 2023 Estimated duration:1 day (if argued); 2 – 3 days (if evidence led)</p>	20/07/2023	11/08/2023	<p>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.</p> <p><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</p>
6.	2021/27677	ZALANI STANFORD VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	22/05/2023	14/06/2023	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.
7.	2018/28406	VENTER ADELE VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	22/05/2023	01/08/2023	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice served on RAF on 15 January 2025

8	2019/15124	THABEDE VUSI v ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv M Ayob Defendant: Ms Y Ramjee Merits and quantum (general damages; past and future loss of earnings) Pre-trial conference: 24 August 2023 Estimated duration: 2 – 3 days	05/09/2023	28/09/2023	<p>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.</p> <p><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</p>
MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE ROLL BY NOTICE					
MATTERS NOT ON THE ROLL, COURT FILES ARE NOT WITH ROLL CALLING JUDGE					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <u>by no later than five (05) court days before the trial date</u>. For that purpose, kindly approach the registrar, Ms N Mvumbi (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. 5. Last-minute enquiries will not be accommodated. 					

