# IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG MONDAY 05<sup>TH</sup> MAY 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**

- 9C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WINDELL J
- 9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE TWALA J
- 9F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE KUMALO J
- 8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE BOTSI-THULARE AJ
- 8E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SHANGISA AJ
- 8D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE P LEDWABA AJ

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NGCUKAITOBI AJ

#### **UNOPPOSED MOTION**

- GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUGDE WRIGHT J
- GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOSI J
- GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MFENYANA J

#### **URGENT APPLICATIONS**

- 9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MUDAU J
- 9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE EPSTEIN AJ

#### **SPECIAL MOTION**

11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SCHRÖDER AJ 2019/41679

#### **INCOME TAX COURT**

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MALI J (1T45827)

#### **FAMILY COURT**

- 11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE EICHNER-VISSER AJ
- 11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE HERTENBERGER AJ

#### SPECIAL INTERLOCUTORY COURT

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE GOODENOUGH AJ

#### RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT

- 8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WEIDEMAN AJ
- 8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MATHUNZI AJ

#### CRIMINAL APPEALS

2C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOOSA J AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOMED J A23/2016 A258/2016 A125/2024 A124/2024 2023-038934

#### **COMMERCIAL COURT**

11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SENYATSI J 2019/44832

#### **CIVIL TRIAL OF LONG DURATION**

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MABESELE J 2016/28974

#### **GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS**

11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ADAMS J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DIPPENAAR J

8C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE YACOOB J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAIER-FRAWLEY J

- 6A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE CRUTCHFIELD J
- 6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NOKO J
- 6C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOTHA J
- 6D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE M VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN AJ

#### THE CIVIL TRIAL ROLL BEFORE SUTHERLAND DJP.

THERE SHALL BE NO PHYSICAL TRIAL ROLL CALL.

PARTIES MUST COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAGH
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 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 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: THURSDAY, 24 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	CASE NO	PARTIES	DATE TRIAL	DATE TRIAL DATE GRANTED	ALLOCATION/ORDER GRANTED
ON ROLL			DATE APPLIED		
			FOR		
	PART	A: GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS			

1. 2021/50	MERCHANT COMMERCIAL FINANCE 1 VS POLYFOIL INVESTEMENTS Plaintiff: Adv S McTurk Defendant: Adv J Krause Contractual claim: Plaintiff and the Principal Debtor concluded a written factoring agreement on 24 April 2015 The Principal Debtor was finally liquidated on 19 June 2018 The plaintiff and the first defendant t/a Polyfoil Investments concluded a written agreement of loan on 09 January 2017 The first defendant stood surety for the Principal Debtor in relation to the factoring agreement which surety was concluded on 06 January 2017 The second defendant stood surety for both the Principal Debtor (in relation to the factoring agreement) and the first defendant (in relation to the loan agreement) which surety was concluded on 06 January 2017 Special Plea relating to prescription Pre-trial conference: 06 July 2023 Minutes filed: 25 August 2023 Estimated duration; 2 days	07/09/2023	10/10/2023	MAIER-FRAWLEY J Secretary: Mr T Kabai Email: TKabai@judiciary.org.za Telephone: 010 494 7169 Chambers 1207, 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor
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2.	2019/24741	NATIONWIDE LIQUOR DISTRIBUTION (PTY) LTD VS SAVINO DEL BENE (SA) (PTY) LTD Plaintiff: Attorney withdrew on 22 April 2025 Defendant: Adv J Groenewald Plaintiff was deregistered since October 2024 Dismissal of the action Estimated duration: 30 minutes	22/09/2023	24/10/2023	NOKO J Secretary: Ms G Vase Email: GVase@judiciary.org.za Telephone: 010 494 8428 Chambers 903, 9th floor
3.	2020/42404	MOKHOEBANE KHANYISILE VS MINISTER OF POLICE Plaintiff: Adv B M Khumalo Defendant: Ms N Cingo Loss of support claim and emotional shock, grief and trauma against defendant following the killing of the deceased by members of the SAPS Merits and quantum Estimated duration: 3 – 5 days Pre-trial conference: 10 March 2023	19/09/2023	24/10/2023	M VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN AJ Secretary: Ms N Nkumane Email: NNkumane@judiciary.org.za Telephone: 010 494 8543 Chambers 909, 9th Floor

4.	2022/5914	GRAND GAMING GAUTENG (RF)(PTY) LTD VS REZANNE BAKKES Plaintiff: Adv L Siyo Defendant: Adv N Smit This is an action wherein the plaintiff claims contractual damages from the defendant. This claim arises from the defendant's alleged breach of her contract of employment with the plaintiff by sharing confidential information with the plaintiff's competitors. Separation of issues Pre-trial conference: 29 June 2023; 11 April 2025 Minutes filed: 13 July 2023 Estimated duration: 4 days	07/09/2023	25/10/2023	YACOOB J Secretary: Ms M Moropa Email: MMoropa@judiciary.org.za Telephone: 010 494 8569 Chambers 1001, 10th Floor
5.	2018/45312	TSHABALALA STRIKENJANA VS CITY OF JHB METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY	07/09/2023	30/10/2023	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.

6.	2021/30099	KUMAKA EARLY	07/09/2023	10/10/2023	MOTHA J
0.	2021/30099		01/03/2023	10/10/2023	
		DEVELOPMENT INDEX VS			Secretary: Ms F Leremi
		GAUTENG PROVINCIAL			Email: FLeremi@judiciary.org.za
		GOVERNMENT SOCIAL			Telephone: 010 494 8334 Chambers 801, 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor
		DEVELOPMENT AND			Chambers 601, 6" Floor
		OTHERS			
		Plaintiff: Adv E Venter			
		Defendant: Adv N Gaisa			
		Plaintiff, an NPO, claims specific			
		performance by the 3 <sup>rd</sup> defendant of			
		its payment obligations under a			
		Service Level Agreement (SLA)			
		concluded between the parties.			
		The defendants seek the dismissal of			
		the plaintiff's claim			
		The defendants have raised three			
		special pleas:			
		The first and second special pleas			
		relate to the alleged non-compliance			
		by the plaintiff with (1) s 3 of the			
		Institution of Proceedings against			
		Certain Organs of State Act (the first			
		special plea); (2) s 2 of the State			
		Liability Act (the second special plea)			
		The third special plea relates to the			
		alleged prescription of the plaintiff's			
		claim.			
		In the defendants' plea over, it is			
		denied that the first defendant is liable			
		for payment of the plaintiff's claim			
		under the SLA, on the grounds that,			
		ostensibly:			

7	2010/24212	There was no proper procurement relating to the conclusion of the SLA Accordingly, no valid contract was concluded between the plaintiff and the first defendant by virtue of the SLA The plaintiff did not render the services it was obliged to in terms of the SLA for the second to fourth quarters of the contract period as defined in terms of the SLA Pre-trial conference: 15 April 2025 Estimated duration: 3 – 4 days	10/00/2022	40/40/2022	ADAMS I
7.	2019/24213	MSC CORPORATE ACADEMY VS SMADA SECURITY SERVICES (PTY) LTD Plaintiff: Adv Y Peer Defendant: Attorneys withdrew Plaintiff instituted action proceedings against the defendant for damages arising from the defendant's breach of an agreement. Pre-trial conference: 20 February 2023 Minutes filed: 27 February 2023 Estimated duration: 3 days (if defendant appears); 1 day (if defendant does not appear)	19/09/2023	10/10/2023	ADAMS J Secretary: Ms G Dlamini Email: GDlamini@judiciary.org.za Telephone: 010 494 8434 Chambers 807, 8th Floor

8.	2021/37195	ANTON JACQUES GROBBELAAR VS ALUDAR 78 CC T/A CAR REP	22/09/2023	10/10/2023	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. Defendant's attorney withdrew on 24 April 2025
9.	2020/34840	CRESTA CORNER CENTRE (PTY) LTD VS RIO RIDGE 1175 CC AND OTHERS Plaintiff: Adv H C van Zyl Defendant: Adv D Watson Arrear rental on a lease agreement and damages for the remainder of the term of the lease agreement Pre-trial conference: 08 April 2025 Minutes filed: 22 April 2025 Estimated duration: 2 – 3 days Plaintiff has a witness residing in Australia	22/09/2023	24/10/2023	DIPPENAAR J Secretary: Ms J Blake Email: JBlake@judiciary.org.za Telephone: 010 494 7191 Chambers 1206, 12th Floor

10.	2019/34358	INDIREN PILLAY AND	07/09/2023	25/01/2024	NOKO J
		OTHER VS PRANAV	0170072020		Secretary: Ms G Vase
					Email: GVase@judiciary.org.za
		JAGGAN T/A PRANAV			Telephone: 010 494 8428
		JAGGAN ATTORNEYS			Chambers 903, 9th floor
		Plaintiff: Adv B Brammer			
		Plaintiffs claim payment from the			
		defendant. The plaintiffs entered into			
		a mandate with the defendant in			
		January 2018 to attend to the transfer			
		of immovable property which was			
		being sold by the plaintiffs. Payment			
		of the purchase price was received by			
		the defendant in trust but was paid			
		into a bank account not belonging to			
		the plaintiffs, pursuant to the email			
		communication between he parties			
		being intercepted by a hacker.			
		The plaintiffs' claim is premised upon			
		the defendant having breached his			
		mandate in terms of which he owed a			
		legal duty of care to the plaintiffs. The			
		plaintiffs claim that the defendant			
		failed to act with the degree of skill			
		and expertise to be exercised by a			
		legal practitioner. The defendant,			
		having failed to exercise adequate			
		care owed to a client, was negligent			
		in having made payment to the			
		incorrect bank account.			
		Pre-trial conference: 07 July 2022			
		Minutes filed: 18 August 2022; 15			
		January 2024			
		Estimated duration: 1 day			

11.	2021/18202	NDHUMA RITSHURI VS MQWALASELI ISAAC Plaintiff: Adv S Denzhe This is an action by the plaintiff for breach of contract against the defendants. The action arises from defendant's failure to honour the contract wherein the parties agreed that the plaintiff will lend to the defendant an amount and the defendant would pay back the capital together with an interest of 30% within three months.  Pre-trial conference: 19 April 2022 Minutes filed: 03 June 2022 Estimated duration: 1 day	10/10/2023	04/12/2023	CRUTCHFIELD J Secretary: Mr M Molele Email: MoMolele@judiciary.org.za Telephone: 010 494 8413 Chambers 1203, 12th Floor
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#### 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 / 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.