

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG
WEDNESDAY 28TH 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 MALI J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAIER-FRAWLEY J

9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MFENYANA J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WATT-PRINGLE AJ

8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAISELA AJ

INSOLVENCY COURT

8E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE FISHER J

UNOPPOSED MOTION

GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MABESELE J

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MILOVANOVIC-BITTER AJ

GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NAIR AJ

URGENT APPLICATIONS

9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE TWALA J

9B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ALLY AJ

SPECIAL MOTION

11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE YACOOB J
2015/27286

INCOME TAX COURT

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE BAM J
(IT46495; IT46040)

FAMILY COURT

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE ADAMS J

11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DLAMINI J

SPECIAL INTERLOCTURY COURT

GB BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOSTERT AJ

RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE PIENAAR AJ

8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MARITZ AJ

8C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NTHAMBELENI AJ

FULL COURT APPEAL: CIVIL

11F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MUDAU J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE CRUTCHFIELD J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE LIEBENBERG AJ
A2024-026312 A2024-129688

COMMERCIAL COURT

11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SENYATSI J

8D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MIA J

6A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE COWEN J

6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WILSON J

GA BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NOKO J

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOTHA J

9F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WANLESS J

6F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOSI J

2C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE REID J

6E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VAN ASWEGEN AJ

6C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE RAUBENHEIMER 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, 21 MAY 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.	2021/46683	HLOBISILE STHEMBISO HADEBE VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv S Tshungu Defendant: Ms T Tivana Merits and quantum (general damages) Estimated duration: 1 – 2 days Interpreter to be used	22/05/2023	31/05/2023	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.	2020/41474	RAMATISA LEHLOHONOLO GOODWILL VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	25/05/2023	05/06/2023	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.
3.	2017/013303	MAYILE SAKHEPHI ENOK VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv L Mashilane Merits and quantum Pre-trial conference: 10 February 2023 Estimated duration: 2 – 3 days Interpreter to be used	28/03/2023	16/05/2023	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.	2022/19126	MUCAVELE ANTONIO JAMIME VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND	22/05/2023	05/06/2023	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice

5.	2019/02611	NKOSI THEMBA BEN VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Ms L Molope-Madondo Defendant: Ms J Mhlanga Quantum (past and future loss of earnings) Estimated duration: 3 – 4 days Interpreter to be used	14/06/2023	26/07/2023	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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6.	2014/32964	MXHAKA SYBIL LUMKA VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Ms L Whittle Defendant: Ms Y Ramjee Quantum (general damages; past and future loss of earnings; earning capacity) Pre-trial conference: 03 May 2023 Minutes filed: 03 May 2023 Estimated duration: 1 – 2 days	24/05/2023	27/07/2023	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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7.	2020/18216	VASCONCELLOS RONNIE MANUEL VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv N Motala Defendant: Ms P Nziyanziya Merits and quantum (past and future medical expenses; loss of earnings; earning capacity; general damages) Estimated duration: 1 – 2 days (if evidence led); 1 hour (if argued)	24/05/2023	27/07/2023	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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8.	2022/15746	MASONDO SIBUSISO VS ROAD ACCIDENT FUND Plaintiff: Adv S Tshungu Merits Default judgment Estimated duration: 1 – 2 days	22/05/2023	05/06/2023	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
MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE ROLL BY NOTICE					
MATTERS NOT ON THE ROLL, COURT FILES ARE NOT WITH ROLL CALLING JUDGE - 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. - 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. - 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. - 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.					