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## **TAXATION NOTICE- SETTLEMENT ROLL**

 This is a notice to practitioners to instruct the implementation of the Practice Directive issued by the office of the Judge President, on 11 June 2021.

## **PURPOSE**

2. The purpose hereof is to inform the legal fraternity as well as tax consultants the High Court of Gauteng Division Pretoria will be embarking on a process whereby the stamping of settled bills of costs will be performed via Caselines.

## NOTICE

3.1 Parties should create their cases on caselines as required in terms of the issued directive on the18<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Upon creation of same, parties are expected to upload all relevant documents required for a bill to be settled by a Taxing Master.

- 3.2 The expected documents are as follows:
  - The notice of intention to tax together with the bill of costs(served)
  - The court order for purposes of cost order
  - The evidence of the agreement between the parties/ the offer of settlement and acceptance by signing and providing contact details
- 3.3 The parties must invite the office profile of <a href="mailto:ptataxsettlements@judiciary.org.za">ptataxsettlements@judiciary.org.za</a> in order to have their matters enrolled for settlements in the taxation settlement roll.
- 3.4. The office of the Taxing Master will allocate 30 matters per day on the settlement roll from Mondays to Thursdays weekly, and will do so for matters that have invited the office profile. No physical copies requesting placement on the settlement roll will be accepted.
- 3.5 Tax consultant and legal practitioner are discouraged from inviting more than 5 bills per day due to the limitation of the matters placed on the settlement roll. Upon allocation on the settlement roll, the office of the Taxing Master will provide confirmation in this regard by furnishing you with the date on the hearing date tab on Caselines and the details of the relevant Taxing Master.
- 3.6 The stamped allocatur will be stamped and uploaded by the office of the Taxing Master within 7 days from date of finalizing the settlement.

4. Should any delays be experienced, wherein your bill of costs/allocatur was not stamped on the date of allocation, kindly contact the relevant taxing Master i.e. the Taxing Master to whom your bill was allocated to provide reasons for such delay.

Alternatively forward any escalations to <a href="mailto:ptachiefregistrar@judiciary.org.za">ptachiefregistrar@judiciary.org.za</a> for

assistance herein.

5. This is effective from 20 October 2021. The first roll of the settlement will be issued

for 2 November 2021. The office of the Taxing Master shall release the roll 3 days

ahead of the settlement date.

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**ACTING CHIEF REGISTRAR, GAUTENG DIVISION PRETORIA** 

**DATE: 19 OCTOBER 2021**