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NOTICE

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1. Judges of the Gauteng Division, Johannesburg
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4. Registrars – Gauteng Division of the High Court, Johannesburg
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6. Law Society of South Africa
7. Gauteng Family Law Forum
8. Gauteng Attorneys Association
9. Pretoria Attorneys Association
10. Johannesburg Attorneys Association
11. West Rand Attorneys Association
12. South African Black Women in Law
13. National Association of Democratic Lawyers
14. Black Lawyers Association
15. South African Women Lawyers Association
16. South African Medical Malpractice Lawyers Association
17. Personal Injury Plaintiff Lawyers Association
18. South African Medico-Legal Association
19. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Pretoria and Johannesburg
20. Office of the State Attorneys, Pretoria and Johannesburg
21. Solicitor General
22. Office of the Family Advocate, Pretoria and Johannesburg

23. Legal Aid South Africa
24. Johannesburg Society of Advocates
25. Pretoria Society of Advocates
26. Gauteng Society of Advocates
27. Tshwane Society of Advocates
28. Pan African Bar Association of South Africa
29. General Council of the Bar of South Africa
30. National Bar Council of South Africa
31. South African Bar Association
32. National Forum of Advocates
33. North Gauteng Association of Advocates
34. Church Square Association of Advocates
35. Advocates for Transformation
36. Legal Division of the Department of Health: Gauteng
37. Legal Division of the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation
38. Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
39. Legal Services - Gauteng Provincial Department of Education
40. South African Board of Sheriffs
41. South African Sheriff Society
42. Road Accident Fund

DATE : 19 February 2024

OUR REF: DJP/373/2023/lt

RE : **IMPORTANT NOTICE**
CHANGES TO THE ROAD ACCIDENT FUND
DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT

1. The following innovations to existing arrangements shall take place immediately.

1.1. A case in which an interim payment in a Road Accident Fund claim is sought shall no longer be enrolled on the unopposed roll. Instead, these cases shall be enrolled on the Road Accident Fund Default Judgment (“RAF DJ”) roll.

- 1.2. Matters which are already enrolled on the unopposed motion roll shall be identified by the registrar and shall be transferred to the RAF DJ Roll in the same week of the date it was set down in the unopposed motion court.
- 1.3. Attorneys are alerted to the fact that a different registrar deals with these two rolls and to ensure the nature of the case is made clear. The reason is that the amount of reading of such a matter where a discretionary order is sought is not appropriate for the unopposed motion court.
- 1.4. Further, attorneys are reminded that an interim order may only be sought within the four corners of section 17(6) of the RAF Act. Read it carefully. The section does not envisage an interim payment for future loss of earning capacity.
2. The following innovations to existing arrangements shall take place from the week of 19 February 2024:
 - 2.1. At present the RAF DJ roll is set down in equal numbers on each of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
 - 2.2. From 20 February 2024 the RAF DJ Roll shall be set down in total on Tuesday. The judge assigned to hear the matters shall give directions when the cases shall be heard. This rearrangement shall facilitate the settled matters being disposed of on Tuesday and thereby creating a degree of flexibility to hear the other cases during the week.

3. Matters that are settled before the beginning of the week or on the brink of settlement must alert the assigned judge by the Friday in the week before the set down week, that this is their position to avoid unnecessary preparation.

Yours faithfully

*Dictated by the Deputy Judge President
Electronically transmitted, therefore no signature*

**ROLAND SUTHERLAND
DEPUTY JUDGE PRESIDENT**