IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG
MONDAY 02 FEBRUARY 2026

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 SENYATSI J

9D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOULTRIE J

9E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE SOUTHWOOD AJ

8F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MEADEN AJ

TBC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAUNATLALA AJ

INSOLVENCY COURT

6E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MODIBA J

6C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE S VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN AJ

6B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE PULLINGER AJ

UNOPPOSED MOTION

GC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUGDE NOKO J

GD BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOSI J

GE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOGOTSI AJ

URGENT APPLICATIONS

9A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE FISHER J

9C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAHOMED J

TBC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE BADENHORST AJ

SPECIAL MOTION

11A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WILSON J
2025-089285

SUMMARY JUDGMENT COURT

1A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WINDELL J

GA BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE NKOENYANE AJ

FAMILY COURT

11B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE R STRYDOM J

11C BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MARCANDONATOS AJ

SPECIAL INTERLOCUTORY COURT

GB BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE WRIGHT J

11D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MIA J

ROAD ACCIDENT FUND DEFAULT JUDGMENT COURT

8A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE S KRUGER AJ

8B BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE T ENGELBRECHT AJ

TBC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE TEBEILE AJ

INCOME TAX COURT

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MALI J

CRIMINAL APPEALS

6D BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DOSIO J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MFENYANA J
A2025-077254 A138/2024 A47/2024 A2025-035410

CIVIL APPEALS

11E BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE W DU PLESSIS J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE BEN-ZEEV AJ
A2024-039925 A2025-080196

FULL COURT APPEALS: CIVIL

11F BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE TWALA J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE DLAMINI J
AND BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE D. MARAIS AJ
A2022-027451

GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE VAN OOSTEN J

6A BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAKUME J

Video-link BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MAIER-FRAWLEY J

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MKHABELA J

TBC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE M. VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN AJ

TBC BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE KHABA AJ

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOSTERT AJ

THE CIVIL TRIAL ROLL BEFORE MUDAU ADJP

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)

LITIGANTS' ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO PARAGRAPHS 16 – 19 OF THE MEDIATION DIRECTIVE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON 22 APRIL 2025 AS AMENDED ON 27 OCTOBER 2025

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 <u>strictly</u> applied.*

4. *LAST DATE TO SUBMIT PRACTICE NOTES:* ***MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 2026***

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					
	2022/22022	DIANE PARIS (PTY) LTD AND OTHERS VS SIMON MARTIN DOUGHERTY AND OTHERS			The action is withdrawn by notice – the matter is settled
1.	2022/032930	SALVAGE GENIE (PTY) LTD VS ABSA BANK LIMITED AND OTHER	27/03/2024	25/04/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice
2.	2021/48267	HILDA GREYLING VS BICCARI BOLLO MARIANO INC AND OTHER	17/04/2024	25/04/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice

3.	2016/26189	JAMES BALOYI VS PRASA	27/03/2024	05/04/2024	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. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.
4.	2019/536	IAN ALISTAIR STEWART VS ANDRE GERHARDUS SMUTS	28/03/2024	19/04/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice

5.	2022/3107	VUYANI DASTILE VS CITY OF JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY AND OTHER Plaintiff: Adv S Mathabatha Defendant: Adv L Matsiela Delictual damages arising from an alleged fall by the plaintiff into an open trench Merits Pre-trial conference: 18 October 2022; 28 February 2024; 19 January 2026 Interpreter to be used Estimated duration: 3 days	22/03/2024	17/04/2024	**KHABA AJ** Secretary: Ms M Rammutedi Email: MRammutedi@judiciary.org.za

6.	2022-022415	24/7 OFFICE AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD VS DONOVAN RICHARD WHITE Plaintiff: Adv D Williams Defendant: Adv R Orton Claim for contractual damages The Restraint Agreement was either moderated and varied by a consent order granted by the Labour Court on 30 July 2021, which had the effect of reducing the restraint period such that it would expire on 30 June 2022 (as opposed to 30 June 2023) and removing the prohibition imposed upon the defendant against being associated or concerned with or interested or engaged in any business similar to the business of the plaintiff, or not. Whether the defendant is breach of the Restraint Agreement regarding activities during the period October 2021 to October 2022 Whether the defendant is indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of damages claimed, on the basis that the damages claimed is a penalty and falls to be reduced in terms of the provisions of the Conventional Penalties Act 15 of 1962 Pre-trial conference: 02 May 2023 Minutes filed: 17 May 2023 Estimated duration: 2 – 3 days	22/03/2024	07/05/2024	**VAN OOSTEN J** Secretary: Ms J Blake Email: JBlake@judiciary.org.za

7.	2019/38467	ASTRON ENERGY (PTY) LTD VS INTRAX INVESTMENTS 28 (PTY) LTD AND OTHER	02/05/2024	07/05/2024	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. No mediation report (annexure "D1") and Joint Minutes (annexure "D2") as set out in the Mediation Directive and Mediation Protocol of 22 April 2025 has been uploaded to the electronic file – Matter is struck off from the trial roll.

8.	2022-018737	JOHANNES MARTIN EHRKE VS MASSTORES (PTY) LTD Plaintiff: Adv H W Theron Defendant: Adv A Jansen van Vuuren Delictual claim – slip and fall Merits Separation of issues Estimated duration: 2 – 3 days Pre-trial conference: 22 January 2026 Minutes filed: 22 January 2026 Plaintiff is concerned about availability of a witness – parties are seeking instructions from their clients about a possible postponement	15/04/2024	15/05/2024	**M VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN AJ** Secretary: Ms R Ramokgola Email: KoRamokgola@judiciary.org.za
9.	2021/13169	NEDBANK LIMITED VS HENDRIK ROEDOLF VAN DER MERWE	30/04/2024	13/05/2024	Matter is removed from the trial roll by notice – matter is settled

10.	2019/3198	WATTRUS CYNTHIA LORRAINE VS TEMPELHOFF GERRIT PIETER Plaintiff: Adv H Steyn SC Defendant: Adv C Bester and Adv Adv S Madima Claims for wedding expenses, wasted as a result of fraudulent misrepresentation, in terms of the *actio Legis Aquiliae* and damages for impairment of dignity and reputation, in terms of the *actio iniuriarum* Pre-trial conference: 20 November 2023; 02 October 2025 Minutes filed: 05 March 2024; 24 October 2025 Estimated duration: 5 days It is noted that a substantive application for postponement had been uploaded to the electronic file	08/05/2024	13/05/2024	**MAKUME J** Secretary: Ms P Magana Email: PMagana@judiciary.org.za
PART B: ROAD ACCIDENT FUND					
MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE ROLL BY NOTICE					

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.