



IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA

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High Court of South Africa, Gauteng Division, Pretoria
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**FAMILY COURT DIRECTIVE AND ROLL COMMENCING
19 January 2026
BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE VAN
NIEKERK N AJ**

12 January 2026

DIRECTIVE BY THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE VAN NIEKERK N AJ

(Roll attached)

1. The proceedings will be conducted in OPEN COURT at **10:00am**. Please consult the day roll for the court room number.

2. Introductions will be in chambers at 09h45am on the day of appearance at Room 5.8, 5th floor, High Court.
3. In all applications, parties must ensure that all relevant papers are filed (i.e. notice of set down, practice notes and draft order). No additional papers may be uploaded to Case Lines without prior permission from the Honourable Judge. Requests to upload further papers must be send to TsMpuru@judiciary.org.za and WhatsApp on 079 132 9755. A practice note setting out the nature of the case, a summary of the facts and arguments must be filed **before 12:00 on Thursday the 15th of January 2026**.
4. The master bundle must be properly indexed and paginated, annexures must be clearly marked and separated. Failure to adhere to this will result in your matter being removed from the roll.
5. The bundles will be frozen by the Judge's Secretary **at 16h00pm on the 15th of January 2026**.
6. Only one draft order is to be handed up, clearly reflecting the Honourable Judge's surname **and initial** (Honourable Madam Justice N van Niekerk AJ), date and court room number. Draft orders should also include the following:

“This order is made an order of court by the Judge whose name is reflected herein (i.e N. VAN NIEKERK AJ), duly stamped by the registrar of the court, and is submitted electronically to the parties/their legal representatives by e-mail. This order is further uploaded to the electronic file of this matter on CaseLines by the Judge or the Judge's secretary. The date of this order is deemed to be the date of hearing of the matter (i.e 19 JANUARY 2026).”

7. Counsel in all matters is requested to have regard to the widely shared note function on CaseLines as queries may be raised and/or notes may be distributed using this function prior to the hearing date.
8. Unopposed divorces will be heard on Monday 19 January 2026 in open court, subject to the provisions *infra*, **(unless otherwise indicated via the widely shared function on CaseLines prior to the hearing of the matter):**
 - 8.1. Divorces where there are settlement agreements and no minor children, may be called and finalised on the documentary evidence and evidence affidavits, provided that all required and relevant documents are uploaded to Caselines and all relevant information is properly before court by Thursday the 15th of January 2025 at 12:00. A legal representative must be present to move the application.
 - 8.2. All divorces where there is no settlement agreements will be dealt with by way of *viva voce* evidence in open court.
 - 8.3. In divorces, where minor children are involved and where the parties entered into a settlement agreement, settlement agreements must be endorsed by the Office of the Family Advocate and *viva voce* evidence needs to be led.
 - 8.4. Witnesses are urged to dress suitably.
9. In all opposed applications (including Rule 43 applications and urgent application) the parties must upload a joint Practice Note onto CaseLines on or before Thursday the 15th of January before 12:00, indicating the details of the legal representatives and advocates/attorneys appearing on behalf of each party; the common cause facts; the grounds for urgency or lack thereof (in all urgent

matters); the disputes to be adjudicated; the documents to be read; and the estimated time duration.

10. The *specific* cases are allocated as per the attached allocated roll. In all matters in respect whereof there were no access to documents on CaseLines by the time of the issuing of this directive, roll call will be held in Open Court on Monday the 19th of January 2025, to allocate the matters to a specific date and time, failing appearance matters will be struck from the roll.
11. Please note that all matters that does not appear on Case Lines by close of business (16h00pm) on 14 January 2026 will not be dealt with. If practitioners experience any problem in this regard they must approach the Helpdesk and the Judge's Secretary must be informed by email and WhatsApp no later than 16h00pm on 13 January 2026.
12. Please indicate any postponements, settlements or removals timeously. Same may be communicated via the widely shared function on CaseLines and to the Judge's Secretary via email and WhatsApp.
13. Kindly take note that the Judge's Secretary is on leave until Friday the 16th of January 2026 and might not have access to email facilities. For this reason, legal representatives are requested to communicate via email and WhatsApp as indicated above.

Yours Faithfully,



Kind Regards

Tshepang Mpuru

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