

URGENT COURT DIRECTIVE

9 – 16 JANUARY 2026

SWANEPOEL J et LABUSCHAGNE J

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1. **All matters will be heard in open court, unless the Judge orders otherwise in a specific matter.**
 2. Introductions may be made at 9h45 on the date on which the matter is to be heard, at offices number 5.5 and 161 respectively. Specific allocations shall be published by each Judge. Matters not allocated and unopposed matters will be dealt with at **roll call at 10h00 on 13 January 2026**
 3. In accordance with paras 172 to 183 of the directive of 11 June 2021, in all matters set down for Tuesday 13 January 2026, **complete papers must have been filed on Caselines by the preceding Thursday at 12h00**. It is the applicant's obligation to ensure that the papers are available for reading on CaseLines at that time.
 4. If the papers are not complete by 12h00 on the preceding Thursday, an explanation must be given on affidavit. Failure to comply with the directive or to

provide an adequate explanation may lead to the matter being struck from the roll. Papers that are filed after 12h00 on Thursday 8 January 2026 will not be read unless a satisfactory explanation is given on affidavit at the time when the papers are filed.

5. A practice note must be filed by all parties appearing in a matter, dealing specifically with urgency, and giving a brief synopsis of the matter, and a summary of the issues to be determined. **The practice note should be filed on CaseLines by no later than 12h00 on Thursday 8 January 2026.** If any part of the record is not required to be read, the practice note shall so state.
6. All cases set down for hearing other than for 10h00 on 13 January 2026 shall be considered by Judge Swanepoel in order to determine whether such matters are sufficiently urgent to be enrolled. In order for the Judge to make a proper determination on urgency, the practice note and the founding affidavit must deal fully with the reasons why the matter should be heard urgently on that particular day.

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