



OFFICE OF THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE MOOSA
HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
GAUTENG DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Friday, 19 December 2025

FOR ATTENTION: TO ALL LITIGANTS & PRACTITIONERS

DIRECTIVE FOR THE URGENT COURT – FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2025 (16H00)
TO FRIDAY, 26 DECEMBER 2025 (16H00)

1. All applications which have been enrolled by 12h00 on Thursday, 18 December 2025 **(when the roll closed)** are indicated on the roll for Urgent applications. The name of the judge to whom an application is allocated appears on the roll.
2. The respective judges may publish their own directive and allocation roll indicating when and how matters allocated to them will be heard. Where a matter is allocated to a judge, the allocation does not mean that the matter is indeed sufficiently urgent to be heard on merits. Where a matter is allocated by a specific judge to a specific date and time in the roll distributed by the respective judges, such allocation does not mean that the matter is sufficiently urgent to be heard on the merits.
3. It is peremptory in all matters (opposed and unopposed) that a practice note and heads of argument shall be served and filed on the electronic file on the caselines platform only, and shall not be sent to the judge's secretary.
4. Applications heard during normal court hours shall be adjudicated by means of an oral hearing in open court. Applications heard outside ordinary court hours will be heard either on a virtual platform or oral hearing in open court, as

arranged. The default position may change in the event of unforeseen circumstances arising, and such change will be timeously communicated to all parties.

5. Practice notes, heads of argument, authority bundles and answering papers shall be uploaded on the electronic file on the caselines platform by no later than close of business (16h00) on Saturday, 20 December 2025.
6. Failure to comply with the aforementioned will be deemed to be an indication that there is no appearance for the party concerned and may result in the application being summarily struck off the roll or dealt with in the absence of such defaulting party.
7. Parties must upload their properly completed draft orders to the electronic file on caselines, and email them in word format to DMoloke@judiciary.org.za by no later than close of business on Saturday, 20 December 2025.
8. The practice note must indicate the following:
 - a). Particulars and full contact details of the legal practitioners;
 - b). Where applicable, particulars and full details of the litigant appearing in person;
 - c). Nature of the relief sought (without referring to the notice of motion);
 - d). A clear indication (without referring to the heads of argument) as to which portion of the papers must be read and which not;
 - e). The main issues to be considered;
 - f). Whether there was service by the Sheriff, and if not, why not (unopposed applications);

- g). Estimated duration of hearing;
 - h). Whether the matter is opposed or not;
 - i). A full list of authorities counsel intends to refer to during argument.
9. Applications which are brought on less than 24 (twenty four) hours notice must comply with *South African Airways SOC v BDFM Publishers (Pty) Ltd and Others* (2015/33205) [2015] ZAGPJHC 293; [2016] 1 All SA 860 (GJ) (17 December 2015) at para 26.¹
10. Take note that in the event that matters are not visible on the electronic file on the caselines platform and the bundles are not reflecting in order as to the sections on court online by close of business on Saturday, 20 December 2025, parties will run the risk of the matter being summarily removed.
11. Practitioners and litigants are reminded that strict compliance with this directive is required. Failure to comply may result in the matter being removed from the roll, or alternatively dealt with in a manner the Court deems appropriate. To this end the following further refers:
- a). Revised Consolidated Practice Directive 1 of 2024 – section 28, page 56;
 - b). DJP letter on urgent court- notice to the profession dated 04 October 2021.

Yours faithfully

GAIL CONSTANCE
SECRETARY TO THE HONOURABLE JUDGE MOOSA

¹ <http://www.saflii.org/za/cases/ZAGPJHC/2015/293.html>