



**JUDGES' CHAMBERS
OFFICE OF HONOURABLE ACTING JUDGE MARC HASKINS
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
(GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA)**

2 July 2026

DIRECTIVE FOR THE FAMILY COURT BEFORE HASKINS AJ

FOR 6 JULY 2026 until 10 JULY 2026

Registrar for Haskins AJ:



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1. HEARING:

- 1.1 All matters will be heard in Open Court, starting at **10h00**.
- 1.2 Introductions will be done in Open Court as and when Counsel call their matters.
- 1.3 All matters, unless directed otherwise, will be called in order of seniority.

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- 1.4 In every matter, sufficient evidence must be provided that the Notice of Set Down was served on the Defendant / Respondent and that the Defendant / Respondent is aware of the hearing date.

2. **DRAFT ORDERS:**

- 2.1 All **Draft Orders**, which must include the date, the Acting Judge's name, and the details of the attorney of record and the counsel appearing, must be handed/submitted to the Court and **uploaded to CaseLines**. These orders should be "*signature-ready*", and must not include terms such as "*Further and/or alternative relief*" or "*DRAFT*".
- 2.2 It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the documentation of a matter is uploaded to CaseLines promptly, properly, and fully, in accordance with the Practice Directives. Late filings or updates will ordinarily not be accepted.
- 2.3 **No further documents (other than allowed for herein) may be uploaded to CaseLines after 16h00 on Friday, 3 July 2026, and CaseLines will be frozen by the Registrar.**

3. **UNOPPOSED DIVORCES:**

- 3.1 All unopposed divorces will be heard on Monday, 6 July 2026, from 10h00.

3.2 In divorce matters in which there are no minor children involved (Category A), the matters may be disposed of in Open Court by adducing evidence on affidavit.

3.3 In divorce matters in which there are minor or children involved (Category B), the matters will be disposed of in Open Court by adducing the oral evidence of the Plaintiff (or Defendant, if applicable).

3.4 All Draft Orders (per para. 2 of these Directives), must be accompanied by the Settlement Agreement, where applicable.

4. **OTHER UNOPPOSED MATTERS:**

4.1 All unopposed other family matters will be heard on Monday, 6 July 2026 from 11h30, or as soon thereafter as these matters may be attended to.

4.2 All matters must strictly comply with these Directives and the consolidated Practice Directive.

5. **URGENT APPLICATIONS:**

5.1 All urgent applications will be heard on **Wednesday, 8 July 2026**, from 10h00, or at a later date and time as required by the exigencies of the matter.

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- 5.2 Heads of Argument must be uploaded to CaseLines in every urgent application by 12h00 on Monday, 6 July 2026.

6. **RULE 43 APPLICATIONS:**

- 6.1 All opposed Rule 43 applications will be heard on **Wednesday, 8 July 2026**, from 11h30, or as soon thereafter as these matters may be attended to.
- 6.2 All matters must strictly comply with these Directives and the consolidated Practice Directive. Practitioners are specifically required to ensure that the Practice Note contains a comparative table juxtaposing the relief sought by the Applicant and the Respondent's tender (if any), and where applicable.

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