



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
THE HONOURABLE JUDGE D. VAN DEN BOGERT AJ

HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

GAUTENG DIVISION

P.O. BOX 442, PRETORIA

3 September 2026

TO: ALL PRACTITIONERS

**IN RE: THE URGENT COURT OF 07 SEPTEMBER 2026 TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2026 BEFORE
JUDGE D VAN DEN BOGERT AJ.**

1. All applications must have been uploaded on CaseLines as required in terms of par. 28.1 to 28.10 of the JP's Directive of 26 February 2024. When an application is brought for Tuesday at 10:00 the applicant must ensure that all the relevant papers are filed by no later the preceding Thursday at 12:00.
2. If an application has not been filed, or all papers not fully uploaded by 12:00 on Thursday (03 September 2026) (when the roll closed, and subject to the degrees of urgency), the application may not be heard and may be struck off the roll. Papers which have not been properly indexed and paginated also run the risk of being struck of the roll.

3. In all matters (opposed and unopposed) a practice note must also be served and filed on CaseLines by all parties concerned. The application will then be adjudicated by means of an oral hearing in open court.
4. Only in opposed cases, heads of argument must also be served and filed on CaseLines by all parties concerned. The application will then be adjudicated by means of an oral hearing in open court.
5. Failure to file a practice note(s) and/or heads of argument, where required, timeously, will be an indication that there is no appearance for the party concerned and the application may then either be struck off the roll or be dealt with in the absence of such party.
6. The practice note must indicate at least the following:
 - 6.1. Particulars and contact details of the legal practitioners;
 - 6.2. Nature of the relief sought (without referring to the notice of motion);
 - 6.3. Total number of pages;
 - 6.4. A brief of summary of the factual as well as legal issues involved;
 - 6.5. A clear indication (without referring to the heads of argument) which portion of the papers must be read and which not;
 - 6.6. The main issues to be considered;
 - 6.7. A brief summary of the urgency or absence thereof;
 - 6.8. Whether there was service by the sheriff, and if not, why not (unopposed applications);
 - 6.9. Estimated duration;
 - 6.10. Whether the matter is opposed or not.

Failure to file a practice note setting out all the above information may result in the application being struck off the roll and a punitive cost order be granted.

7. The practice note must be served and immediately thereafter filed, with proof of service, on CaseLines by no later than Friday (04 September 2026) at 11:00 and the Heads of Argument, in opposed cases, must be served and filed on CaseLines, with proof of services, by no later than Monday (7 September 2026) at 11:00.
8. The heads of argument must also set out the reasons, by reference to evidence in the founding affidavit, why the matter is so urgent that it must be heard during the week concerned.
9. In unopposed matters the applicant must indicate, in the practice note, where in the court papers the Sheriff's return of service is to be found.
10. The Practice Directive regarding Urgent Applications will still apply (to opposed and unopposed applications) and the Rules pertaining to urgency will be strictly enforced. If a matter is not ready to be adjudicated on the date and the time indicated in the notice of motion (subject to the degrees of urgency) and/or is not urgent as indicated in the Rules and the Practice Directive, it may be struck off the roll in which event a punitive costs order may be made.
11. All practitioners are requested to prepare a draft court order by using "MS Word format" (to allow for alterations) and to upload it onto CaseLines only. A hardcopy of the order must be available in Court to be handed up should it be required.
12. It is the duty of the applicant's attorney to ensure that the matter is timeously (before the closing of the roll) and fully uploaded onto CaseLines, and that the Judge will have access to it.
13. There will be no need for practitioners appearing to introduce themselves in chambers. All introductions are to be done in open court.
14. All matter will be called in open court at 10h00 on Tuesday 8 September 2026. This is subject thereto that specific cases may be allocated to specified times and

days. Such allocations, if any, will be done during the course of Monday, 7 September 2026. For that purpose a separate allocation roll may be published. Should a case be so allocated, the parties will only be required to attend court at the time and day specified.

15. All reasonable queries must be directed to the Judges Registrar. Particulars of Judge van den Bogert AJ's Secretary are:

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ACTING JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT

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