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IN RE: TO REGULATE THE CIVIL TRIAL DEFAULT ROLL, DEFAULT ALLOCATION AND ENROLMENT OF CATEGORY “Y” MATTERS WITH EFFECT FROM 4 APRIL 2022 IN THE GAUTENG DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT, PRETORIA.

1. Having noted that applicants applying for dates of hearing in respect of applications for default judgements before all the necessary reports, affidavits have been finalised, some of the applications were removed from the roll because some of the expert reports were still not available on the date of hearing. This contributes to the long waiting period for the date of hearing especially in respect of applications that are ripe for hearing when a date of hearing is applied for.
2. This directive shall apply to;
 - 2.1 All matters in respect of which applications for dates of hearing for default judgements are made from the 4 April 2022.
 - 2.2 All matters in respect of which dates of hearing for the default judgements have been allocated shall retain the allocated dates on condition that the applicants comply with this directive on or before 31 May 2022, failing which the matters would be removed from the roll.

3. Any applicant who submits that a matter falling under Category Y, is ripe to be heard on the default judgement roll, shall apply for a date of hearing in the prescribed manner to the Registrar as follows;

3.1. An Application for a date of hearing must be accompanied by a statement, signed by the attorney stating that he or she has personally verified the documents uploaded and that there has been full compliance with the prescripts of the Practice Manual;

3.2. The statement, signed by the Attorney must specifically state that:

3.2.1 the matter is ripe for hearing and the application is for the allocation date of a hearing on the default judgement roll;

3.2.2 all the necessary expert reports and affidavits are filed together with the application for default judgement.

3.3. Furthermore, in matters where the applicants have already been allocated dates of hearing, the applicant must in addition to provisions set out in paragraph 3. 2 above state that;

3.3.1 the matter has already been allocated a date of hearing, specify the said date of hearing and when was such date allocated.

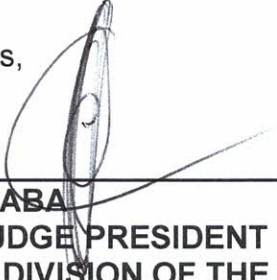
4. Failure to upload the required statement on the email to be provided by the Registrar in respect of matters wherein a date of hearing was allocated before 31 May 2022 the allocated date shall be forfeited.

5. To circumvent forfeiting the allocated dates, the applicants are therefore urged to upload all experts reports and the abovementioned statements within the required timeframes.

6. Applicants who comply with the directive shall be allocated earlier dates of Hearing in 2022.

7. The discretion for allocation of dates of hearing remains with the Registrar if the directive has been complied with.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A.P. Ledwaba', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

A.P. LEDWABA
ACTING JUDGE PRESIDENT
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