



HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA, GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA
FROM THE CHAMBERS OF MADAM JUSTICE HAUPT AJ

17 June 2022

D I R E C T I V E: U R G E N T C O U R T B E F O R E H A U P T A J

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1. An allocation does NOT mean that the matter is considered sufficiently urgent to hear on the merits. Submissions will need to be made regarding the grounds of urgency.
2. If there is non-compliance with this practice directive, the matter will be struck from the roll, unless good cause is shown for non-compliance.
3. It is pointed out that there is a growing tendency to abuse the urgent court in two ways:
 - **firstly**, to set matters down which are not ripe for hearing, not urgent or in which urgency is self-created. **This will NOT be allowed;**
 - **secondly**, the urgent court is **NOT** intended to hear complex factual and/or legal issues set out over hundreds of pages which take a long time to consider and finalise. This clogs up an extremely busy court and prevents other deserving matters from being heard. **These complex/long matters are to be removed from the roll and the parties are to seek an allocation from the Deputy Judge President** in a special court on a future date (cf Practice Manual, Annexure "A" to 13.24 par [4] subpar (10) and (11) page H2-141).

HEARING: OPEN COURT

4. All hearings before Judge Haupt will take place in open court (4E) without exception save for matters enrolled for hearing after hours.

5. At the hearing, counsel appearing is to provide **hard copies of draft order (in duplicate) and of the papers filed**(as they appear on Caselines) **in the event of non-compliance with 9 herunder**, and upon good cause shown provide a hard copy of the papers filed.

OPPOSED: HARD COPIES OF HEADS OF ARGUMENT

In all opposed matters, heads of argument are to be emailed **and a hard copy delivered to the judge's secretary** (Ms Montsheng Khokhotho /Office: Floor 6/ 065 859 4819/ Email: mkhokhotho@judiciary.org.za) **by 12h00 on Monday 20 June 2022** together with an authorities bundle.

REMOVALS / SETTLEMENTS / UNOPPOSED MATTERS

6. In matters that are removed / settled /unopposed – draft orders in word format are to be emailed to the judge's secretary by no later than 13h00 on Monday, 20 June 2022. No hearing is required for these matters unless parties notify the relevant judge's secretary otherwise or the judge requires submissions. Counsel are to remain available.

CASELINES AND HARD COPIES

7. The **CaseLines bundle will be frozen by 13h00 on Friday 17 June 2022** and no further documents may be filed without the relevant judge's specific written permission.
8. In all matters a **hard copy of the papers** filed on Caselines and the draft order are to be **delivered to the judges' secretary before 13h00 on Monday, 20 June 2022**.
9. No piece-meal filing of affidavits will be allowed.
10. All court bundles are to be fully uploaded to Caselines. If any problems are experienced the judge's secretary must be contacted TIMEOUSLY.
11. It is the duty of the applicant's attorney to ensure that there are no duplicate cases created on CaseLines.
12. Where no certificate of urgency has been filed and/or no practice note has been filed the matter may be struck from the roll. The practice note is to set out the following:
 - a. particulars and contact details of the legal practitioners;
 - b. nature of the relief sought (without referring to the notice of motion);

- c. total number of pages;
- d. a brief summary of the factual and legal issues involved;
- e. a clear indication (without repeating the heads of argument) which portion of the papers must be read and which not;
- f. the main issues to be considered;
- g. a brief summary of the urgency, or absence thereof;
- h. whether there has been service by the sheriff and if not, why not;
- i. estimated duration;
- j. whether the matter is opposed.

FAILURE TO FILE a practice note setting out all the above information, may result in the matter being struck from the roll and a punitive cost order being granted.

13. If a practitioner struggles to upload an application to Caselines, an affidavit is to be prepared explaining what steps have been taken and why it was not possible to upload to Caselines and this must be sent to the judge's secretary. The judge will then give further directions.



Kind regards

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