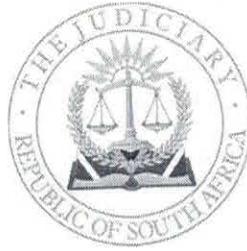


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**TO: ALL JUDGES, COURT STAFF, LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AND
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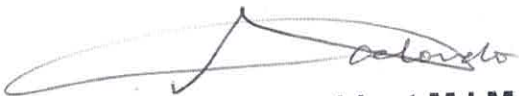
**URGENT DIRECTIVE IN RESPECT OF RESTRICTING ACCESS TO
COURT IN LIGHT OF COVID-19.**

Subsequent to the President's announcement of a lockdown from midnight on 26 March 2020 to 16 April 2020, the following directives, in additions to those issued by the Chief Justice on 17 March 2020 and those used in this court on 18 March 2020 will apply with immediate effect from Friday, 27 March 2020.

- 1. Save for urgent matters, matters involving children issues and bail appeals, all matters enrolled for hearing during the period between 27 March 2020 and 16 April 2020 be taken as removed or adjourned sine die.**
- 2. All rules are extended until discharged.**

3. All circuit courts will commence on 20 April 2020.
4. Judges not scheduled for any court hearings or allocated any urgent matters in the period between 14th – 16th April 2020 may work from home provided they remain immediately reachable by telephone (preferably both landline and cellular phone but at the very least by cellular phone) by the JP or DJP (as the case may be) and the registrar and provided further that any Judge working from home is able to make herself or himself available at court on short notice ("short notice" being within 30 minutes of being telephoned). However, all Acting Judges should report for duty and taking of an oath on 14th April 2020.
5. As regards general Court staff, all Section Heads must determine the minimum number of staff (rotationally or otherwise) who must continue to report to work to ensure that the general work of the Court is not compromised.

Yours sincerely



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25 March 2020