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## **JUDGE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVE NO 05/2022**

**TO: ALL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS  
REGISTRARS**

**RE: SPECIAL TRIAL ROLL**

I wish to bring the following to your attention:

1. The trial roll for special civil trials is full until the end of 2023.
2. Allocations for trial dates for 2024 will only be made during October 2022 when the diary for the year 2024 is available.
3. This unsatisfactory state of affairs is exacerbated by the legal practitioners themselves in that
  - 3.1. When matters are settled or for other reasons the trial is not being proceeded with my office is not informed so that the allocated date of trial can be reallocated to other matters.
  - 3.2. The parties sit back until a few days are left before the date of trial or even on the date of trial for the parties to remove the matter from the roll or postpone the matter *sine die*.



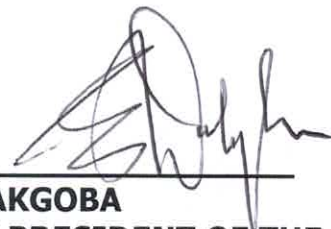
4. The allocated dates of trial are thus not being fruitfully utilised. This creates an everlasting congestion of the trial roll and backlog of cases.
5. The legal practitioners have themselves to blame for this long waiting period for matters to go on trial. Moreso that our Division has a serious shortage of Judges given the volume of cases in this Division.

### **OPPOSED MOTIONS**

6. The opposed motion roll is full upto 20 February 2023.
7. The long waiting period for allocation of dates of hearing is due to the same circumstances set out above regarding the special civil trials.
8. It is suggested that all stakeholders should propose a meeting with the Judge President to discuss these burning issues.

Dated at POLOKWANE on this 19 April 2022.

Kind regards



**E M MAKGOBA**  
**JUDGE PRESIDENT OF THE HIGH**  
**COURT, LIMPOPO DIVISION**