



HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA, GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA
FROM THE CHAMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE ACTING JUDGE LINGENFELDER

4 FEBRUARY 2026

DIRECTIVE

FAMILY COURT BEFORE ACTING JUDGE LINGENFELDER

TERM 1 – WEEK 4

WEEK OF 9 TO 13 FEBRUARY 2026

1. Kindly find below the Family Court roll for matters before Acting Judge LINGENFELDER
2. The allocations are as follows:
 - **Monday, 9 FEBRUARY 2026 at 10:00 – all allocated unopposed divorces, and all ‘other’ family court matters.**
 - **Tuesday, 10 FEBRUARY 2026 at 10: 00 – all urgent family court matters and ‘other’ opposed family court matters.**
3. No documents may be uploaded on CaseLines after 16h00 on Friday 6 February 2026.
Matters not reflected on Caselines by this date and time, will be removed from the roll.
4. Practice notes must be filed by no later than 16h00 on Thursday 5 February 2026, stating the nature of the application, the issues to be decided and the estimated duration.

5. Draft orders indicating the name and particulars of the Judge must be filed by 16h00 on Friday 6 February 2026 for consideration. Draft orders should also include the following:
 6. *"This order is made an order of court by the Judge whose name is reflected herein, duly stamped by the registrar of the court, and is submitted electronically to the parties/their legal representatives by e-mail. This order is further uploaded to the electronic file of this matter on CaseLines by the Judge or the Judge's secretary. The date of this order is deemed to be the date of hearing of the matter".* Only one draft order is required to be handed up.
 7. Heads of argument must be filed in all opposed matters by 16h00 on Friday 6 February 2026.
 8. In divorce matters where there are no children involved, the parties do not have to appear, but counsel must appear. The plaintiff must ensure that all relevant affidavits are timeously uploaded, including confirmation by affidavit of original documentation. Matters involving minor children will require viva voce evidence.
 9. Please ensure that TsMpuru@judiciary.org.za is invited to all matters not appearing or where no documents are filed by no later than Friday 6 February 2026 at 16:00 and must be brought to the attention of our office forthwith by a **Widely Shared Note** on CaseLines and email to confirm same.
 10. All matters will be heard in open court on Monday, 9 February 2026 at 10:00 and on Tuesday, 10 February 2026 at 10h00 (please see the day-roll for the court that will be used for the hearings).
 11. The general Family Court Directives are to be strictly complied with.
 12. Kindly circulate this directive to all necessary parties.



Kind Regards

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