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- 4. Law Society of South Africa**
- 5. Gauteng Family Law Forum**
- 6. Gauteng Attorneys Association**
- 7. Pretoria Attorneys Association**
- 8. Johannesburg Attorneys Association**
- 9. West Rand Attorneys Association**
- 10. South African Black Women in Law**
- 11. National Association of Democratic Lawyers**
- 12. Black Lawyers Association**
- 13. South African Women Lawyers Association**
- 14. South African Medical Malpractice Lawyers Association**
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- 16. South African Medico-Legal Association**
- 17. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Pretoria and Johannesburg**
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- 22. Johannesburg Society of Advocates**

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29. National Forum of Advocates
30. North Gauteng Association of Advocates
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33. Legal Division of the Department of Health: Gauteng
34. Legal Division of the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation
35. Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
36. Legal Services - Gauteng Provincial Department of Education
37. Gauteng Society of Advocates

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RE : **GAUTENG DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG CASEFLOW
TURNAROUND TIMES**

1. For the information of stakeholders, the present status of the typical volumes of various types of cases and the lead times to obtain a set-down date for such cases are given in the table below.
2. Practitioners who might experience a materially different turnaround time should inform the Office of the Deputy Judge President with the relevant details so that any anomalies or systemic failures can be identified and remedied. Also, where a difficulty peculiar to that practitioner occurs, that problem can be rectified.
3. The correlation between turnaround times, the volume of the caseload and the number of judges available to be rostered is continually monitored so that the optimal utilisation of all resources can be achieved. The full complement of judges is deployed throughout the term and judicial capacity is stretched. The generosity displayed by pro bono volunteers from the legal profession is a

valuable resource upon which reliance is placed to achieve an effective litigation service.

4. The lead times achieved are not in all cases thought to be satisfactory. For example, efforts continue to reduce the unopposed motion court lead time to 4 weeks commensurate with the reasonable needs of commercial life.
5. The general trial roll is bedevilled by a deluge of Road Accident Fund default judgment cases. To make fair allowance for other types of trials so that they are not unduly delayed by being crowded out by Road Accident Fund default judgment cases, a degree of preference is applied in the set downs. A better solution than at present being applied to RAF litigation is currently being explored.
6. A bulletin reflecting the turnaround status as at the beginning of each term shall henceforth be published for the information of the legal profession.

GAUTENG DIVISION JOHANNESBURG, CASEFLOW TURNAROUND TIMES

TYPE OF CASE	VOLUME SET DOWN	LEAD TIME
	PER WEEK	TO SET DOWN DATE
FULL COURT CIVIL APPEALS	2-3	from moment record ready - 1 term
MAGISTRATES COURT CIVIL APPEALS	4	from moment record ready - 1 term
OPPOSED MOTIONS ROLL	50 capped	8 WEEKS
SPECIAL MOTIONS ROLL	1 - 2 MATTERS	1 - 2 TERMS
URGENT MOTIONS ROLL	45-50 average	NOT APPLICABLE
UNOPPOSED MOTIONS ROLL	600	6 WEEKS
SPECIAL INTERLOCUTORY ROLL	160 average	7 days notice (1-2 WEEKS)
UNOPPOSED DIVORCES FRIDAYS ONLY	100	4 WEEKS
CASE MANAGEMENT ROLL OF "Y" TRIALS	40 average	3 WEEK CYCLE
SETTLEMENT COURT ROLL	30+- ave	3 WEEK CYCLE
GENERAL CIVIL TRIALS ROLL	58 slots available	
" Y " CASES TRIAL ROLL (-RAF)	5 cases	6 MONTHS
RAF DEFAULT JUDGMENT TRIAL ROLL	35-39	11 MONTHS
NON"Y "CASES	10 SLOTS	5-6 MONTHS

	RESERVED	
COMMERCIAL TRIALS ROLL	1-2 cases	AD HOC SET DOWN I TERM NOTICE
LONG DURATION TRIALS ROLL	2 cases	AD HOC SET DOWN 1-2 TERM NOTICE
FAMILY COURT ROLL	50 to 60 cases	4 week cycle + urgent applications
CRIMINAL TRIALS ROLL	19	2 MONTHS
FULL COURT CRIMINAL APPEALS	1 case	5 - 6 MONTHS
MAGISTRATES COURT CRIMINAL APPEALS	4-6 cases	4 MONTHS
SPECIAL TAX COURT	1-3 cases	I TERM NOTICE

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