



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ALL MEMBERS

**FROM:** W.H. Grobbelaar

**DATE:** March 11, 2026

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON JUDICIAL CASE MANAGEMENT (JCM) PLACEMENT  
AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Chairman and I recently attended an information-sharing session at the Deputy Judge President's (DJP) request regarding the new Judicial Case Management (JCM) framework.

### 1. IMPLEMENTATION AND TRANSITION

- 1.1. The new version of JCM will commence on **16 March 2026**. Please note that matters already set down are not affected; the new allocation system applies only to matters scheduled from March 16 onwards.
- 1.2. **Note on Phasing-In:** We anticipate that the initial phasing-in of this process will involve some challenges as we adjust to the new administrative structure. However, we expect the system to be fully streamlined within **six weeks**.

## 2. JUDICIAL ALLOCATIONS

2.1. The bench will be divided to ensure dedicated oversight of the JCM roll:

2.1.1. **Exclusive JCM Judges:** DJP Uietele, DJP Prinsloo, and De Jager J will preside over JCM matters exclusively.

2.1.2. **General Bench:** The remaining eight judges will preside over trials, motions, residual roll matters, and interlocutory matters.

2.1.3. **Rotation:** To ensure the consistent delivery of orders and judgments, these judges will substitute for each other every week.

## 3. JCM WEEKLY SCHEDULE

All JCM matters will be heard in one of four specific slots each week:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Session (08:30 – 12:00)</b>	<b>Afternoon Session (15:30 – Completion)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	JCM Matters	JCM Matters & <b>Pre-Trial Hearings</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	JCM Matters	JCM Matters & <b>Pre-Trial Hearings</b>

#### 4. **CATEGORISATION OF INTERLOCUTORY ISSUES**

4.1. Interlocutory matters will be sorted into three groups to determine their specific allocation:

4.1.1. **Group 1:** Condonation and sanction issues that are not voluminous and require less than one hour.

4.1.2. **Group 2:** Proceedings such as joinders and exceptions requiring one hour or more of argument.

4.1.3. **Group 3:** Processes and special pleas requiring evidence or more than one day of court time.

4.2. These matters will be heard by one of six judges on **Mondays or Wednesdays**.

#### 5. **OTHER COURT ROLLS**

5.1. **High Court Appeals:** Scheduled for Mondays and Fridays.

5.2. **Residual and Motion Matters:** Scheduled for Tuesdays and Fridays.

#### 6. **UNIFORMITY AND POLICY**

To encourage uniformity across the bench, the DJP will deliver a formal pre-trial policy within two months of the new system's implementation.

Kind regards,

**W.H. GROBBELAAR**