

PRACTICE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/01 OF 2014

ISSUED BY THE HONOURABLE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE MONAPATHI

INDIVIDUAL DOCKET SYSTEM (IDS)

- [1] Individual Docket System shall continue to operate until further notice.
- (a) Discipline, hardwork and commitment to the system is all that is needed for it to succeed.
 - (b) The system is 'Individual Docket System". This means that;
 - i) The system is Judge owned and therefore judge driven
 - ii) The case belongs to a Judge from allocation to disposition
 - iii) Every case shall be postponed to a specific date notwithstanding that it may have been sent for Mediation
 - iv) Unnecessary postponements will not be allowed
 - v) Every case shall be given a future date
 - vi) All inactive cases shall be dismissed for lack of prosecution. These are the cases that have taken more than a year without either party showing interest to proceed with the matter
 - vii) The court shall stick to allocated dates for hearing
 - viii) There shall be no exchange of files between Judges
- [2] There shall be maintained two Dockets being Judges' Docket and Registrar's Docket. The Registrar's Docket will be maintained for those cases that have not been opposed and not allocated to Judges. Registrar's Docket shall be maintained for those cases that are dealt with by a Duty Judge on Motion Roll.

[3] Every court shall maintain a Roll call or a Status call Procedure over all files allocated to the Judges as follows:

(a) Within every 45 days period, every court shall enrol for Roll Call not less than 25 cases on every occasion or during that span of 45 days.

(b) A Roll Call shall be used by the Judge to be acquainted with the status of every file allocated to their dockets in order to know the next step which the Judge should take in dealing with the matter to finality.

(c) On every Roll Call criminal cases shall take precedence.

(d) Registrars and Clerks shall look out for cases for dismissal. Those cases in which rule nisi have lapsed or in which Rule 8 (13) has not been utilised or has been ignored shall be dismissed. The case cases which had not been opposed shall be placed on the motion roll. But for cases which had been opposed and allocated to Judges, they shall be placed before Judges to who they have been allocated for purpose of dismissal.

(e) Opposed applications and defended actions (Trials) shall continue to be allocated to the Judges and those unopposed and urgent matters shall be allocated to the Registrar's Docket as unopposed to be placed and dealt with by a Duty-Judge as the case may be.

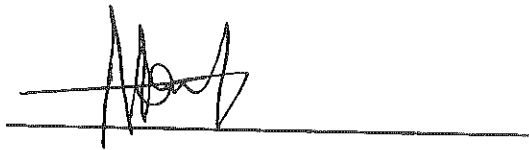
[4] Every event in a case e.g. postponements, extension of rules, and more especially finalisation or completion of cases shall be immediately send to the record office.

[5] (a) Uncontested divorce cases shall be enrolled every Wednesday to be dealt with by a Duty-Judge

(b) Every Judge shall set cases in his/her Docket for Pre-Trial Conferences (PTC) every Tuesday.

Dated at Maseru on the 29th January, 2014.

THE HONOURABLE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

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