



The following Directives apply in any virtual court hearing before Opperman J as from 27 October 2020

1. Attention is drawn to the provisions of chapter 10.5 of the Gauteng Local Division Johannesburg Practice Manual dated October 2018 (*the High Court Practice Manual*), and in particular paragraph 1 thereof which provides:

‘It is hereby emphasised that no person may film or electronically record judicial proceedings without the prior permission of the presiding Judge. The granting and the terms of any such permission is within the discretion of the presiding Judge.....’

2. Attention is further drawn to the provisions of paragraph 221 of the 18 September 2020 Consolidated Directive (*the Consolidated Directive*) dealing with media access to virtual court hearings and which expressly provides that such Directive does not replace the provisions set out in the High Court Practice Manual unless a deviation is specified and then only for the duration of the national state of disaster.
3. In order to ensure compliance with chapter 10.5 of the High Court Practice Manual during virtual hearings and to locate potential transgressors, any person to whom access is given to participate in a virtual hearing (or who is present at a virtual hearing) (*the linked participant*) is: (a) to provide a list of all who are present with them during the virtual hearing; and, (b) the linked participant is to undertake not to record or to permit any other person to record any part of the proceedings without prior thereto, obtaining the leave of the Judge in the manner prescribed in chapter 10.5 of the High Court Practice Manual.
4. Should any transgression occur in the presence of the linked participant, the linked participant is to disclose this to Judge Opperman forthwith.
5. Failure to comply with chapter 10.5 of the High Court Practice Manual may, as recorded in paragraph 7 thereof, lead to contempt of Court charges.
6. The list and undertaking contemplated in paragraph 3 hereof, is to be provided to Judge Opperman’s registrar by no later than 15 minutes prior to the commencement of any virtual hearing presided over by her at ztwaku@judiciary.org.za or ingatwaku@gmail.com.
7. Failure to comply with this Directive may result in the matter being removed from the roll.