

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **Practice Directive 1/2025**

Notice is hereby given that the President has issued the following practice directive aimed at the effective and optimal use of court time during all hearings in the Supreme Court of Appeal.

- 1. During the hearing of any appeal or application referred for oral arguments as envisaged in section 17 of the Superior Courts Act 10 of 2013, each counsel or self-represented party will have the opportunity to present their main arguments uninterrupted for 10 minutes at the commencement of their oral submissions. After this initial period, the counsel or unrepresented party may proceed with their oral submissions with the understanding that any member of the bench may pose questions to the presenting parties anytime.
- 2. Counsel or self-represented parties may opt to forgo their entitlement to uninterrupted oral submissions for the duration specified in the first paragraph.
- 3. The directive is for immediate implementation.

Justice M B Molemela President, Supreme Court of Appeal 18 December 2025