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**SUPPLEMENTARY DIRECTIVE – RULE 31 (5) APPLICATIONS FOR
DEFAULT JUDGMENT BEFORE THE REGISTRAR - HEARING OF RULE 70
OPPOSED TAXATION OF BILLS OF LEGAL COSTS AND OTHER RELATED
MATTERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC – NORTH WEST DIVISION
OF THE HIGH COURT**

Introduction

- [1] This supplementary directive is issued at the instance of the Chief Registrar in consultation with the Judge President of this Division. The aim is to address certain procedural matters elaborated hereunder and it must be read with the Directive issued by the Judge President on 4 May 2020.

Rule 31(5) applications

- [2] Applications for Default Judgment before the Registrar will not be enrolled until further notice.

Rule 70 Taxation of Bills of Legal Costs

Unopposed Taxation


- [3] Unopposed taxation will not be enrolled until further notice. This is due to uncertainties on issues of service of process between parties during the national state of disaster.

Opposed Taxation

- [4] Opposed taxation of bills of costs before the registrar will be conducted by way of **Skype**, provided that:
- All parties have agreed to this in writing;
 - All parties have access to audio and virtual hearing facilities;
 - An entry is made in the Notice of Set Down filed by the party presenting the bill that the opposed taxation will proceed by way of skype and after service of same on the opposing party; and
 - Where the matter cannot be proceeded with by way of skype, it shall be postponed to a future date.
- [5] In-person hearing of oral argument in opposed taxation will be permitted at the discretion of the Taxing Master and only in exceptional circumstances. In-person hearing of opposed taxation will be subject to any directive which the Taxing Master may issue to the parties to regulate such virtual proceedings.
- [6] The guidelines determined by the Judge President for audio visual hearings will be applicable to opposed taxation proceedings that come before the registrar.

Writs/warrants of execution of court orders

- [7] These will not be authorized during the national lockdown.


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