



CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Chief Justice's Direction for the effective and optimal use of Court time during hearings in the Constitutional Court

Notice is hereby given that the Chief Justice has issued the following direction for the effective and optimal use of Court time during hearings in the Constitutional Court which is to operate with effect from 1 May 2023:

1. At the hearing of any matter before the Constitutional Court, each party will be allowed 30 minutes to address the Court without interruption on all the points the party deems important bearing in mind that the Justices of the Court will have had the benefit of full written argument.¹
2. At the end of the time referred to in paragraph 1 above, the legal representative or party concerned must cease oral argument immediately and may thereafter only answer the Justices' questions, if any. No request for more time will be entertained at that stage.
3. The applicant's address in reply will be 10 minutes only.
4. Where an amicus is allowed to present oral argument, the amicus will be allowed 10 minutes of address without interruption and must then cease

¹ As opposed to written heads of argument.

oral argument immediately and may thereafter only respond to questions from the Justices, if any.

5. A party may waive the right of address without interruption for the time referred to in paragraph 1 above. However, when the time referred to in paragraph 1 above expires, that party will also not be entitled to continue with oral argument except to answer questions from the Justices, if any.
6. Any party may indicate that its, his or her address without interruption will be for a time that is less than 30 minutes but in such a case, too, that party will not be entitled to continue to present argument beyond the time referred to in paragraph 1 above except to answer questions from the Justices, if any.

20 April 2023

**STEPHEN CINDI
REGISTRAR
CONSTITUTIONAL COURT**