

# 2026/27 Annual Training Schedule for Regional Court Magistrates



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## APRIL 2026 – FEBRUARY 2027

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM01</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>JUDICIAL WELLNESS</b>
<b>Course content</b>	<p>Proposed topics for webinar series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depression in the Workplace - Definition, Types, Coping Strategies and Support</li> <li>• Managing Stress &amp; Burnout - Definitions, Types of Stress, Coping Strategies to Develop Resilience</li> <li>• Resilience Presentation - Definitions, Coping Strategies to Develop Resilience and Support</li> <li>• Vicarious Trauma - Definitions, Coping Strategies to Develop Resilience and Support</li> <li>• More than just tired. Fatigue, Chronic Fatigue and Chronic illness</li> <li>• Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace - Definitions, Coping Strategies to Develop EQ and Support</li> <li>• Building Effective Teams and Positive Working Relationships</li> <li>• Occupational Stress and Resilience Training</li> <li>• Work life Integration- Managing Work and Personal Demands.</li> <li>• Effective Communication</li> <li>• Time Management</li> <li>• Diversity and Conflict Management</li> </ul>
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	Virtual
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday every month except for January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>14h30 – 16h00</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	All Judicial Officers
<b>Province</b>	All
<b>Regional Court President</b>	All
<b>Moderator(s)</b>	Regional Court Presidents
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	Experts (Psychologists)
<b>Event Coordinator</b>	Ms. Fiona Seedat TBC
<b>Law Researcher</b>	SAJEI to complete

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<b>APRIL 2026 – FEBRUARY 2027</b>	
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM02</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>MONTHLY NEW CASE LAW UPDATE PODCASTS AND AD HOC PODCASTS WHEN NEW LEGISLATION COME INTO OPERATION</b>
<b>Course content</b>	Monthly civil case updates podcast dealing with important cases decided in the previous months. Monthly criminal cases updates podcast dealing with important cases decided in the previous month.
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	Virtual - podcast
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month (excl January)</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>17h00 – 18h30 (podcast to be easily accessible to all RM's after uploaded)</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	All Regional Magistrates
<b>Province</b>	All
<b>Regional Court President</b>	All
<b>Moderator(s)</b>	Regional Court Presidents
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	Regional Court Magistrates (SAJEI Researchers to assist with summaries)
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<b>MAY - JUNE 2026</b>	
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM03</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>JUDICIAL SKILLS FOR ASPIRING REGIONAL COURT MAGISTRATES</b>

<b>Course content</b>	Judgment writing, sentencing, dealing with vulnerable witnesses, intermediaries, virtual testimony, Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF), adjudication of admissibility of evidence issues, ethics, ancillary orders, adjudication of cases involving children in conflict with the law, sentencing and ancillary orders - CJA, adjudication of divorces.
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	Virtual
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>9, 16, 23, 30 May 6, 20 June 2026</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>09h00 – 15h30</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	Aspiring Regional Court Magistrates
<b>Province</b>	All
<b>Regional Court President</b>	All
<b>Moderator(s)</b>	Regional Court Presidents
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	Regional Court Magistrates and Regional Court Presidents
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### JULY 2026

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM04</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>SENTENCING IN GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE MATTERS</b>
<b>Course content</b>	Sentencing in GBVF cases, minimum sentences, domestic relationship findings, impact of the Prevention and Combatting of Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Act, 2023, victim impact reports/statements.
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	Virtual
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>31 July</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>14h00 – 16h00</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	Regional Court Magistrates
<b>Province</b>	All
<b>Regional Court President</b>	All

<b>Moderator(s)</b>	RCP Dunywa & RCP Djaje
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	RCP J Wessels
<b>Event Coordinator</b>	Ms Abigail Ngobeni
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## AUGUST 2026

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM05</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING (COMPULSORY)</b>
<b>Course content</b>	The content and operation of the Sexual Harassment Policy, social and cultural context, including power and privilege, grooming, debriefing, complaints procedures, understanding dynamics of sexual harassment.
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	In person
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>13 - 14 August 2026</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1 – 9h30 – 17h00</b> <b>Day 2 – 9h00 – 14h00</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	Regional Magistrates (116) including acting RM's
<b>Province</b>	Gauteng
<b>Regional Court President</b>	RCP M Djaje
<b>Moderator(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	TBC
<b>Event Coordinator</b>	Mr Karabo Mokganya & Ms Abigail Ngobeni
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<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM06</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING (COMPULSORY)</b>
<b>Course content</b>	The content and operation of the Sexual Harassment Policy, social and cultural context, including power and privilege, grooming, debriefing, complaints procedures, understanding dynamics of sexual harassment.
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	In person
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>13 - 14 August 2026</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1 – 9h30 – 17h00</b> <b>Day 2 – 9h00 – 14h00</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	Regional Magistrates (55) including acting RM's
<b>Province</b>	Limpopo & Mpumalanga
<b>Regional Court President</b>	RCP J Wessels & RCP N Engelbrecht
<b>Moderator(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	TBC
<b>Event Coordinator</b>	Mr Kwena Chipana
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<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM07</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING (COMPULSORY)</b>
<b>Course content</b>	The content and operation of the Sexual Harassment Policy, social and cultural context, including power and privilege, grooming, debriefing, complaints procedures, understanding dynamics of sexual harassment.
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	In person
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>13 - 14 August 2026</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1 – 9h30 – 17h00</b> <b>Day 2 – 9h00 – 14h00</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	Regional Magistrates (60) including acting RM's

<b>Province</b>	Western Cape
<b>Regional Court President</b>	ARCP M Msingaphantsi
<b>Moderator(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	TBC
<b>Event Coordinator</b>	Ms Kenalemang Hlalele
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<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM08</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>ANNUAL REGIONAL MAGISTRATES CIVIL &amp; CRIMINAL UPDATE</b>
<b>Course content</b>	Sexual Harassment Policy for SA Judiciary, effective court and case management, updates on latest civil and criminal case law and legal developments, incl Prevention and Combatting of Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Act, amendments to Marriages Act and impact on divorces, e-justice rules and online civil portal, use of AI by Judicial Officers, impact of AI on electronic evidence, environmental crimes, sentencing, ancillary orders, confiscation orders, judgment writing, judicial wellness.
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	In person
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>17-21 August 2026</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1 – 4 08h30 – 16h30</b> <b>Day 5 08h30 – 14h00</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	160 Regional Magistrates
<b>Province</b>	All
<b>Regional Court President</b>	All
<b>Moderator(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	Regional Magistrates, Academics, Judges
<b>Event Coordinator</b>	Mr Karabo Mokganya & Ms Kenalemang Hlalele
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<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM09</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING (COMPULSORY)</b>
<b>Course content</b>	The content and operation of the Sexual Harassment Policy, social and cultural context, including power and privilege, grooming, debriefing, complaints procedures, understanding dynamics of sexual harassment.
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	In person
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>20 - 21 August 2026</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1 – 9h30 – 17h00</b> <b>Day 2 – 9h00 – 14h00</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	Regional Magistrates (54) including acting RM's
<b>Province</b>	Eastern Cape
<b>Regional Court President</b>	RCP S Dunywa
<b>Moderator(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	TBC
<b>Event Coordinator</b>	Ms Kwena Chipana & Ms Abigail Ngobeni
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<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM10</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING (COMPULSORY)</b>

<b>Course content</b>	The content and operation of the Sexual Harassment Policy, social and cultural context, including power and privilege, grooming, debriefing, complaints procedures, understanding dynamics of sexual harassment.
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	In person
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>27 - 28 August 2026</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1 – 9h30 – 17h00</b> <b>Day 2 – 9h00 – 14h00</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	Regional Magistrates (50) including acting RM's
<b>Province</b>	Northern Cape & Free State
<b>Regional Court President</b>	RCP Nqadala & RCP Z Mbalo
<b>Moderator(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	TBC
<b>Event Coordinator</b>	Mr Karabo Mokganya & Ms Abigail Ngobeni
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<b>SEPTEMBER 2026</b>	
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM11</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING (COMPULSORY)</b>
<b>Course content</b>	The content and operation of the Sexual Harassment Policy, social and cultural context, including power and privilege, grooming, debriefing, complaints procedures, understanding dynamics of sexual harassment.
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	In person
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>17 – 18 September 2026</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1 – 9h30 – 17h00</b> <b>Day 2 – 9h00 – 14h00</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	Regional Magistrates (24) including acting RM's
<b>Province</b>	North West
<b>Regional Court President</b>	RCP W Malane

<b>Moderator(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	TBC
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**NOVEMBER 2026**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM12</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING (COMPULSORY)</b>
<b>Course content</b>	The content and operation of the Sexual Harassment Policy, social and cultural context, including power and privilege, grooming, debriefing, complaints procedures, understanding dynamics of sexual harassment.
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	In person
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>5 - 6 November 2026</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1 – 9h30 – 17h00</b> <b>Day 2 – 9h00 – 14h00</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	Regional Magistrates (80) including acting RM's
<b>Province</b>	KwaZulu Natal
<b>Regional Court President</b>	TBC
<b>Moderator(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	TBC
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**NOVEMBER 2026**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM13</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>ADJUDICATING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE</b>
<b>Course content</b>	Understanding GBV, discussion on sexual offences, cyberviolence offences, dealing with vulnerable witnesses, intermediaries, virtual hearings, testimony and judgments, latest case law and legal developments, electronic evidence, evidentiary aspects, evaluation of witnesses, grooming, trafficking in persons, domestic relationship, GBV hate crimes and hate speech, sentencing, ancillary orders, judgment writing, judicial wellness and debriefing.
<b>In person/Virtual</b>	In person
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>4 – 6 November 2026</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1 &amp; 2 08h30 – 16h30</b> <b>Day 3 08h30 – 14h00</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	60 Regional Magistrates (specifically including SOC RM's)
<b>Province</b>	All
<b>Regional Court President</b>	All
<b>Moderator(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	Regional Magistrates, Academics, Judges
<b>Event Coordinator</b>	Mr Karabo Mokganya & Ms Abigail Ngobeni
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<b>Course Code</b>	<b>RCM14</b>
<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>ADJUDICATING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE</b>
<b>Course content</b>	Understanding GBV, discussion on sexual offences, cyberviolence offences, dealing with vulnerable witnesses, intermediaries, virtual hearings, testimony and judgments, latest case law and legal developments, electronic evidence, evidentiary aspects, evaluation of witnesses, grooming, trafficking in persons, domestic relationship, GBV hate crimes and hate speech, sentencing, ancillary orders, judgment writing, judicial wellness and debriefing.

<b>In person/Virtual</b>	In person
<b>Date/s</b>	<b>24 – 26 February 2027</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1 &amp; 2 08h30 – 16h30</b> <b>Day 3 08h30 – 14h00</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	60 Regional Magistrates (specifically including SOC RM's)
<b>Province</b>	All
<b>Regional Court President</b>	All
<b>Moderator(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Panelist/Facilitator</b>	Regional Magistrates, Academics, Judges
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