
Re: Petition for Leave to Appeal in terms of section 17(2)(b) of the Superior Courts Act 10 of 2013

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Your Ref: Case No. 2025-167724 (High Court, Gauteng Division, Pretoria)

Our Ref: Venter v Bidvest Bank Ltd & FSCA — Petition for Leave to Appeal

Date: 25 September 2025

To:

The Registrar

Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa

Bloemfontein

Dear Registrar,

I, Jan Hendrik Stephanus Venter, am the Petitioner in the above matter. I appear in person as a lay litigant.

1. On 25 September 2025, the Honourable Justice Collis, sitting in the Gauteng Division, Pretoria, dismissed my urgent application under Case No. 2025-167724 on administrative grounds. Immediately thereafter I applied orally for leave to appeal, but the Court refused to hear or record my application.
2. I am accordingly entitled, in terms of section 17(2)(b) of the Superior Courts Act 10 of 2013, to bring a petition to the Supreme Court of Appeal for leave to appeal.
3. I respectfully submit this petition together with:
 - Notice of Motion;
 - Petition;
 - Supporting Affidavit; and

- Annexures A–H (High Court order, pleadings, chronology, correspondence, and proof of service).
4. I confirm that this bundle has been served by email today, 25 September 2025, on the Respondents’ attorneys of record (Eversheds Sutherland for Bidvest Bank Limited, Maisels Chambers if instructed, and the FSCA). Proof of service is included as Annexure H.
5. I further wish to make it clear to the Honourable Registrar that:
- I am an unrepresented lay litigant with limited resources;
 - I do not have the financial means or transport to physically travel to Bloemfontein;
 - I therefore request that this petition be accepted by email/electronic filing in terms of the Court’s powers to ensure compliance with section 34 of the Constitution (right of access to courts) and to prevent undue prejudice.
6. I undertake to provide any additional copies or documents as directed by the Registrar.

I respectfully remind this Honourable Court of its constitutional duty under **section 34 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996**, which guarantees every person the right of access to courts. Our courts have repeatedly recognised that **lay litigants must be afforded reasonable accommodation** to ensure their cases are heard on the merits rather than defeated by technicalities (*Moela v Chairperson – North West Gambling Board* 2018 (2) SA 226 (SCA); *Harksen v President of RSA* 2000 (2) SA 825 (CC)). In particular, where a litigant lacks financial means or transport, rigid insistence on physical filing would undermine constitutional rights. I therefore submit that this Honourable Court is empowered — and constitutionally obliged — to accept this petition electronically, so that justice is not denied due to poverty or distance.

Yours faithfully,

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