



Court of Appeal of Jamaica Annual Report 2025

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Vision

A world-class appellate court, serving all stakeholders with excellence.

Mission

To serve all stakeholders with integrity and fairness, by delivering sound, timely judgments, and efficient, accessible court services, in a healthy and fulfilling work environment.

Quality Policy

The **Court of Appeal of Jamaica** is committed to delivering fair, impartial, timely, and transparent justice in accordance with the Laws of Jamaica, while upholding the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and judicial excellence.

The Court aims to provide a judicial service that is accessible, accountable, and responsive to the needs of all stakeholders in a manner that builds trust in the rule of law and promotes confidence in the administration of justice.

To support this, the Court is committed to:

- **Upholding judicial integrity, independence, impartiality and competence** in all proceedings and decisions.
- **Ensuring the timely and efficient resolution** of appeals, reducing delays and backlogs.
- **Maintaining accurate, complete, and secure records** in all case-related matters.
- **Engaging with stakeholders** to understand and respond to their needs, expectations and feedback.
- **Promoting continuous improvement** in our processes, systems, and services.
- **Developing the capacity and competence** of judicial officers and administrative staff through training and performance development.
- **Complying with all relevant legal, regulatory, and procedural requirements** applicable to judicial operations and decision-making.
- **Implementing and maintaining a quality management system** aligned with ISO 9001:2015 standards.

President's Message

It is with a deep sense of responsibility, humility, and measured pride that I present this report on the work of the Court of Appeal of Jamaica for 2025. I record my sincere thanks to our indefatigable Registrar, Mrs Stacie-Anne Brown, our reliable Consultant Statistician, Dr Denarto Dennis, and equally dependable Chief Court Assistant, Mr Christopher Headley, whose dedication and support greatly assisted in the preparation of this annual report. I remain profoundly grateful for their committed and selfless service.



The Hon Mrs Justice Marva McDonald-Bishop OJ, CD

The work of this Court is of considerable national importance, and this report reflects its unique standing as a national institution concerned not only with determining appeals, but also with the continuous pursuit of world-class appellate service marked by integrity, fairness, timeliness, accessibility, and transparency. Our mission remains clear and solidly reinforced by our quality policy, which emphasises judicial independence, secure and reliable record-keeping, responsiveness to stakeholders, staff development, and the disciplined implementation of a quality management system aligned with ISO 9001:2015.

In assessing the Court's performance, it is important to look beyond case numbers alone. Judicial effectiveness must be evaluated within its broader institutional context. Throughout the year, the Court continued to implement the Judiciary's 2024–2028 strategic plan, **Benchmarking the Future: Consolidating Excellence**, with its focus on court proceedings, processes, infrastructure, strategic leadership and governance, and stakeholder engagement. The work of our committees in areas such as staff welfare, occupational safety and health, information and communication technology, social support, and budget management underscores that institutional culture, sound systems, and staff well-being are all indispensable to the proper administration of justice.

Against that institutional backdrop, the year under review was particularly challenging and had a material impact on the Court's output. The Court experienced reduced performance capacity arising from illness, bereavement, and the retirement of team members; damage to its physical premises caused by fire; malfunctioning air-conditioning that disrupted working conditions; and the effects of Hurricane Melissa. Taken together, these circumstances placed considerable pressure on the Court's operations and tested the resilience of both the institution and its staff.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, the Court remained steadfast in its dedication to the administration of justice and to the people it serves. It maintained its core functions across all three Terms and sat for a total of 40 weeks, while judges also continued to manage chambers work, paper applications, and legal vacation duties.

Against that background, the most significant substantive concern is the Court's weaker performance in appeal disposal and backlog management. As this report makes clear, a 100% clearance rate remains the essential benchmark for maintaining manageable congestion and reducing backlog. The Court therefore candidly acknowledges that it did not meet its usual standard in this regard, as the appeal clearance rate fell by 33.33 percentage points. This outcome is disappointing and warrants careful attention in 2026.

Even so, judgment delivery remained a notable strength for the Court. At 400%, the judgment delivery rate remained well above the international benchmark of 100%, although lower than in 2024. Performance by term further underscored this strength, with the Michaelmas Term recording the highest judgment delivery rate at 612.5%. The Court therefore continued to perform at a very high level in the delivery of judgments.

The report also highlights significant progress in resolving older reserved judgments, even though the total number outstanding increased slightly. This indicates that, notwithstanding progress on older matters, the Court continued to experience pressure from newly reserved judgments.

There was also marked improvement in judgment delivery timelines, particularly over shorter periods. The report shows that approximately 60% of appeals were resolved within six months of the hearing date, representing an increase over 2024, and that 95% of those matters were resolved within three months. This suggests that, despite lower

aggregate output, the Court became more efficient in resolving many matters promptly once heard, especially those suited to same-day or near-immediate disposition.

At the same time, reduced capacity, delayed transcripts and notes of proceedings from the Supreme Court and the Gun Court, and non-compliance with time limits by litigants continued to affect chambers work, case management activity, and the readiness of applications and motions for hearing. Although the Court made gains in securing some older case-support materials, particularly civil records, it continued to face significant pressure in obtaining criminal transcripts. These constraints affected multiple stages of case processing. The resulting slowdown in throughput was therefore not confined to appeals, but also extended to supporting workstreams, some of which lay beyond the Court's control. It is earnestly hoped that tangible improvements in these areas of concern will be realised in 2026.

Notwithstanding these operational constraints, the Court remained committed to upholding high standards not only in its core functions, but also in the areas of governance, staff welfare, and stakeholder engagement. Throughout the year, those matters remained important priorities. Despite significant challenges, the Court invested in staff morale, health, training, capacity-building, and stakeholder confidence. That commitment is reflected in the work of its various committees and in the Court's activities over the year, including community outreach.

Amid these continuing engagements, the Court also experienced significant staffing changes, which were managed during a period of transition. In this context, we record with profound respect the retirement of our esteemed colleague, Mrs Justice Almarie Sinclair-Haynes, CD, after 10 years of distinguished service as a Judge of Appeal. Throughout an illustrious judicial career spanning all levels of the Jamaican judiciary, Justice Sinclair-Haynes exemplified intellectual rigour, courage, fairness, and unwavering commitment to principle and duty. Her contribution to this Court, and to the administration of justice more broadly, has been both substantial and enduring. We express our deepest gratitude for her decade of dedicated and distinguished service and extend our warmest wishes for a restful, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.

We also record with sincere sadness the departure of Miss Kalisia Miller, who served the Court with dedication and distinction. We wish her success in all her endeavours. At the same time, we were pleased to welcome, in a permanent capacity, Mr Justice Kissock Laing, CD, and Mrs Justice Georgianna Fraser upon their appointments as Judges of Appeal. Mrs Justice Lorna Shelly Williams, CD, again rendered valuable service in an acting capacity during the Michaelmas Term, for which we record our sincere appreciation.

I remain especially heartened by the diligence of our judges and staff, whose service throughout the year was marked by resilience, professionalism, and an abiding commitment to excellence. It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the grief experienced during the year by those who mourned loved ones, including parents and siblings, as well as the hardship faced by those who endured serious illness. We continue to offer prayerful support and heartfelt wishes for recovery, comfort, and renewed strength.

I also gratefully acknowledge our external stakeholders and justice-sector partners, whose cooperation remains indispensable to the appellate process. We especially value the continued support of the Court Administration Division, the Ministry of Justice, and the Jamaica Constabulary Force in the areas of court operations, infrastructure maintenance, and security.

As the Court continues its journey towards excellence, it does so with a clear appreciation of the demands of that undertaking. Through a collective commitment to high standards of service, the Court will discharge its responsibilities faithfully, while strengthening public confidence and upholding the rule of law in a manner worthy of the trust reposed in it. It is in that spirit that I commend this report to all our stakeholders, with sincere good wishes for a brighter, more productive, and more hopeful year ahead.

Marva McDonald-Bishop OJ, CD
President

Statistical Summary

In 2025, the Court of Appeal faced several challenges, including operating with fewer judicial and other team members. Nevertheless, the Court continued to work assiduously, and its efforts yielded the following results.

Clearance rate

The Court concluded the year with an appeal clearance rate of 68.67%. This indicates that for every 100 new appeals filed in 2025, the Court determined approximately 68 appeals. When this figure is compared with the previous year, it is noted that there has been a decrease of 33.33 percentage points.

Given that the prescribed annual clearance rate of 100% is critical to maintaining a manageable case congestion rate as well as reducing the backlog of cases, the Court did not perform to its usual standards.

Judgment delivery rate

The overall judgment delivery rate attained by the Court in 2025 was 400%. The data suggests that for every 10 newly reserved judgments in 2025, roughly 40 judgments were delivered.

Although this reflects a decrease in the rate when compared to 2024, with the international standard of the judgment delivery rate being 100%, the Court continued to perform extremely well in this metric.

Hearing date certainty rate

In 2025, the Court's hearing date certainty rate was 89%. In comparison to 2024, this rate reflected an increase of 2.9 percentage points. The data suggests that for every 100 hearing dates set before the court in 2025, roughly 89 proceeded without postponement.

With the international standard rate for hearing date certainty being a minimum of 95%, the Court continues to trend in the right direction.

Key metrics at a glance

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Clearance rate (%)	71.72	111.69	117.94	102	68.67
Judgment delivery rate (%)	360.38	449.05	382.35	560.25	400
Hearing date certainty rate (%)	83.33	85.56	85.02%	86.1	89

Outstanding reserved judgments/reasons for judgment

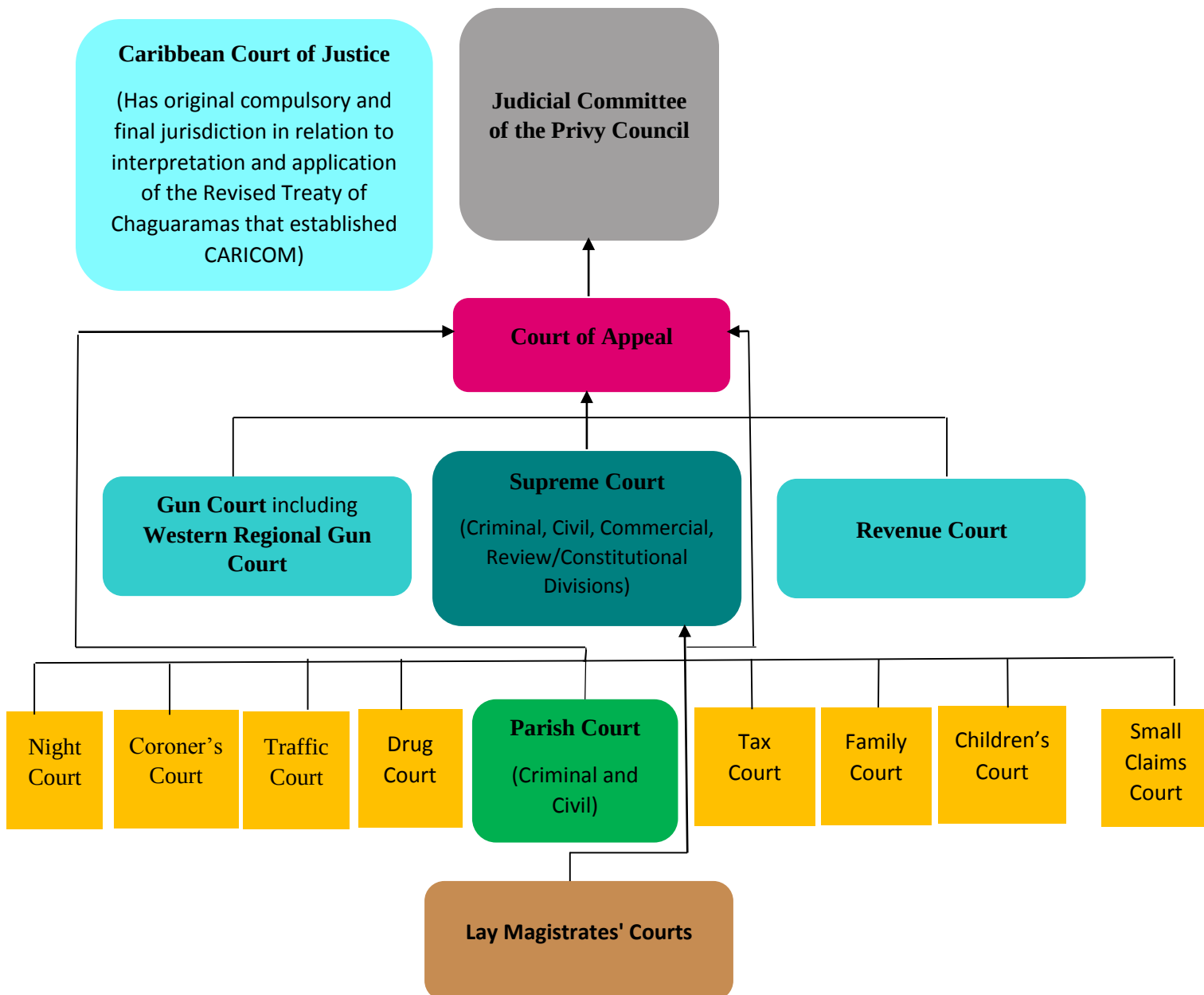
The court ended 2025 with an overall 15% increase in the number of outstanding reserved judgments when compared to 2024. Notwithstanding this, the court cleared all the reserved judgments which were outstanding for 2021. Additionally, the number of reserved judgments outstanding from 2022 to 2023 decreased by 54.54%.

In terms of reasons for judgment, at the end of 2025, the data reflects that there was a 23.97% decrease in the number outstanding from 2021 to 2024.

Judgment delivery timeline

Of the 319 matters which were determined in 2025, 57.05% were determined within six months of the hearing date. This reflects an increase of 1.22 percentage points in comparison to 2024. Additionally, of the total number of matters which were determined within six months of hearing, 61.53% were determined on the same day of the hearing, 87.36% were determined within a week of the hearing, and 95% were determined within three months of the hearing. The court's judgment delivery timeline, therefore, continued to trend in the right direction.

Structure of the Jamaican Court System



The Tier 2 Strategic Plan for the Court of Appeal

In 2025, the Court of Appeal continued its work in implementing the Jamaican Judiciary's second strategic business plan, "Benchmarking the Future: Consolidating Excellence", which was launched in 2024 for the period 2024-2028. In so doing, the Court maintained its focus on the strategic pillars of the plan – Court Proceedings, Processes and Infrastructure; Strategic Leadership and Governance; and Stakeholder Engagement – as well as the 15 strategic objectives within these pillars.

The Court's implementation of the plan continued to be facilitated by the Tier 2 Plan Implementation Oversight Committee and its standing committees – Social Affairs Committee; Occupational Health and Safety Committee; Court of Appeal/Court Administration Division ICT Improvement Team; and Budget Committee.

Social Affairs Committee (SAC)

(Objectives – Improve Culture and Improve (Internal) Stakeholder Satisfaction)

Throughout the year, the SAC continued to enhance the work life of the court's internal stakeholders through its customary recognition and celebration of special days such as the birthdays of judges and staff, Valentine's Day; Mother's and Father's Day; International Women's and Men's Day; and International Happiness Day.

The SAC also organised a movie and games day, karaoke, fun days/events, and an Easter bun sale. Other activities included:

- Staff appreciation week, which was celebrated from 22 – 25 October 2024, under the theme: "Celebrating a Generous, Resourceful, Empowered, Accomplished and Talented (GREAT) Team". Regrettably, the activities were curtailed because of preparations for the impending impact of Hurricane Melissa.
- Christmas Luncheon held at the court on 18 December 2025.

Occupational Safety and Health Committee (OSHC)

(Objectives – Improve Health and Safety of Plant and Improve (Internal) Stakeholder Satisfaction)

The OSHC engaged in several activities during the year in review. These activities included:

- Commemoration of Earthquake Awareness Week aimed at raising awareness of disaster preparedness.
- Participation in the Annual Sigma Road Race in New Kingston.
- Hosting a presentation by Recycling Partners of Jamaica in celebration of Global Recycling Day.
- A series of dancing fitness classes led by Ms Ariana Mills, Judicial Counsel.
- Coordinating Labour Day activities at the court.
- Hosting a presentation by the Jamaica Environment Trust to commemorate World Environment Day.
- Hosting a presentation by the Forestry Department on *‘Forest Offences and Prosecution’* in recognition of National Tree Planting Day.
- Commemorating World Mental Health.
- Coordinating a fundraiser during Breast Cancer Awareness Month and facilitating mammogram screenings at the Jamaica Cancer Society for four ladies of the court, which was sponsored by a patron of the OSHC.
- Hosting a “Know Your Numbers” mini-health fair at which blood sugar, blood pressure, HIV/Syphilis and other tests, were conducted by health care workers from the Kingston Health Department.

Budget Committee

(Objective – Improve Budget Utilisation)

This committee continued its work in managing the limited budgetary allocation in an effort to ensure that the priority needs of the Court are met. Particular focus continued to be placed on training, technological and software needs, and staff welfare.

Initiatives under other objectives

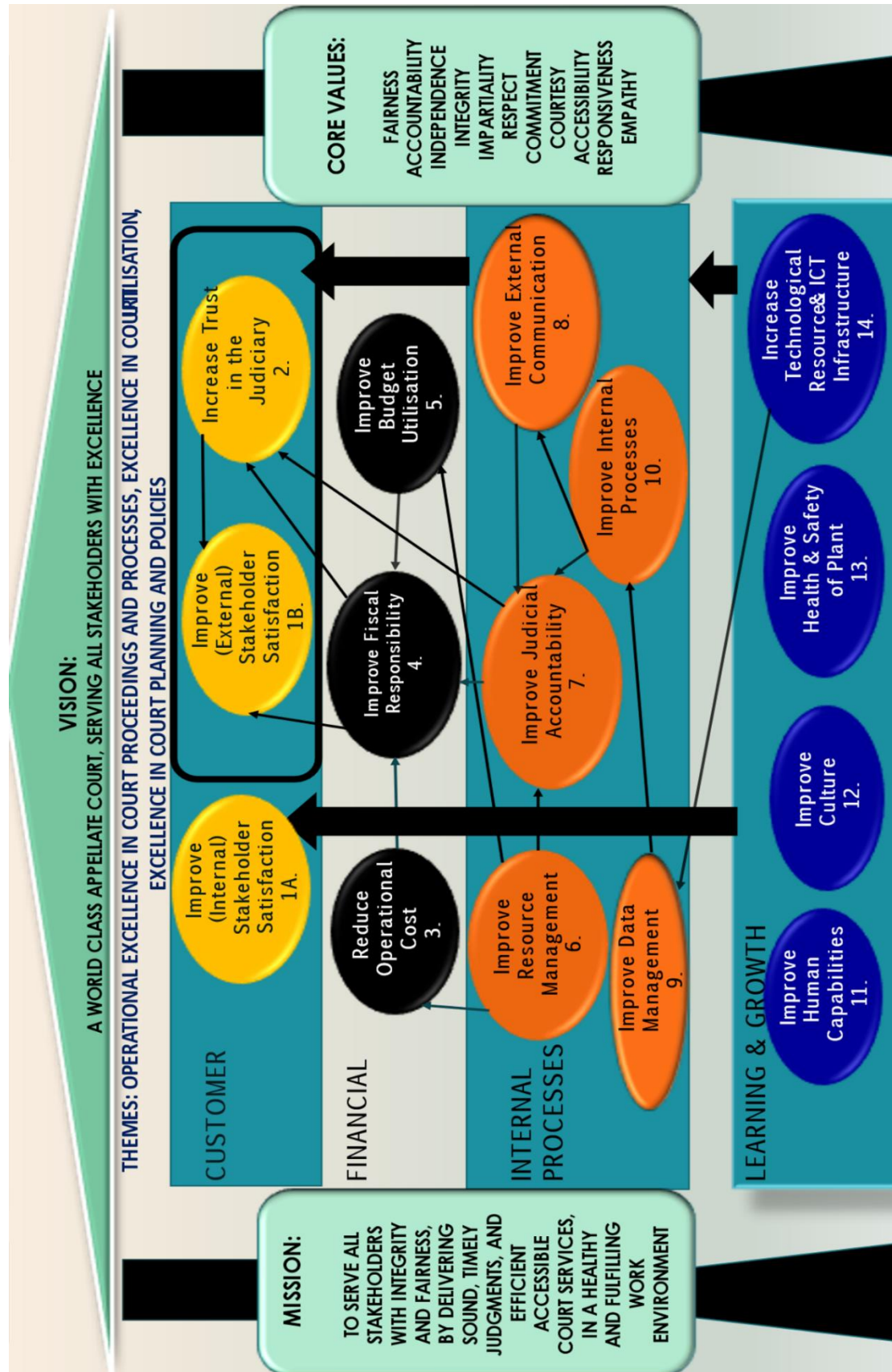
Objective – Increase Trust in the Judiciary

- In 2025, the court continued its public outreach by coordinating educational visits by students from Kingston College, St Andrew Technical High School, Kingston High and Holy Trinity High School.

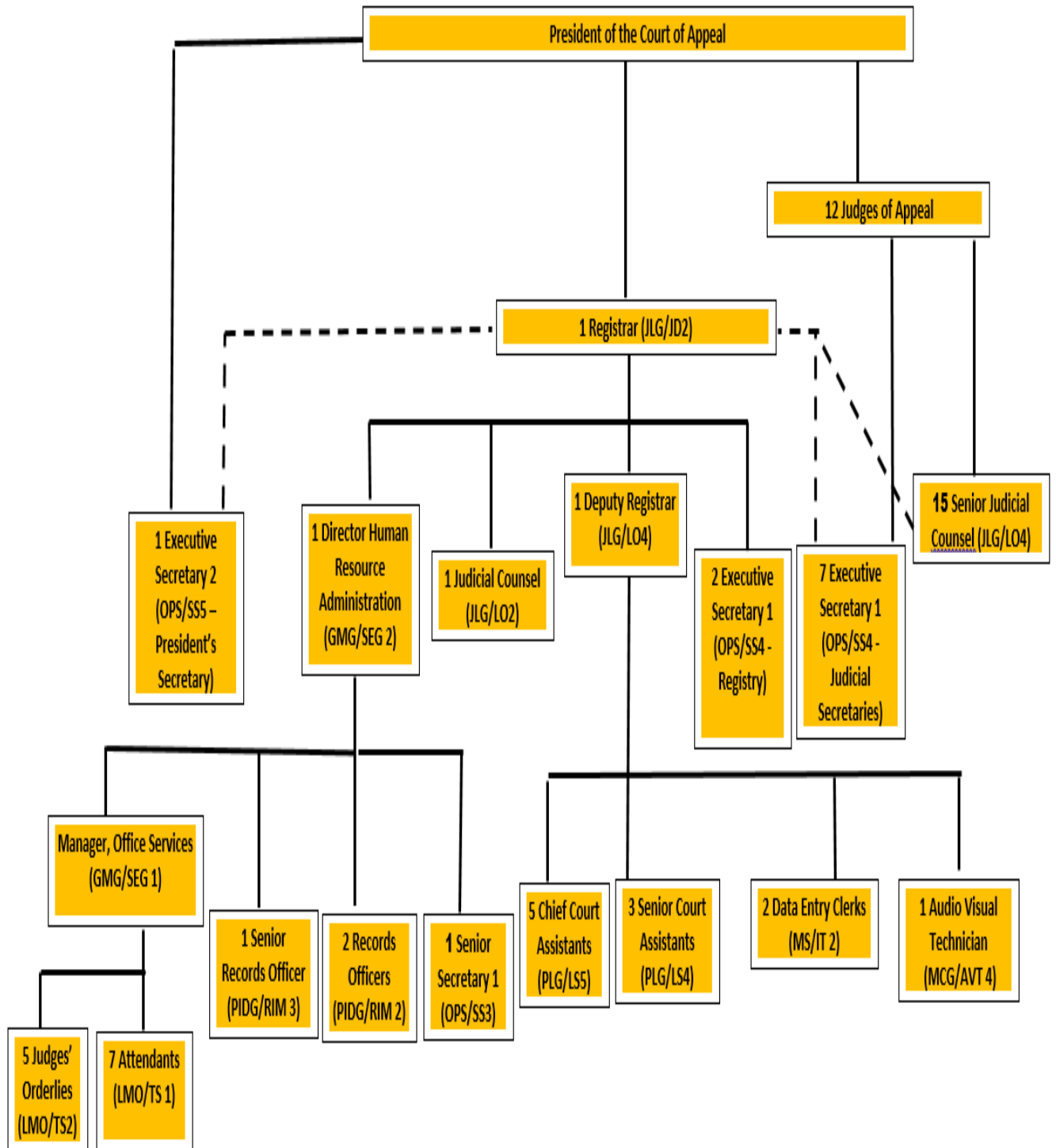
Objective – Improve (External) Stakeholder Satisfaction

- In the year in review, the court carried out extensive work in its pursuit of ISO 9001:2015(E) certification. This involved conducting a gap audit to identify areas within the court's processes in need of improvement.
- The court also continued to engage its external stakeholders through its Court Users Committee and the participation of the President in the Judiciary's public education days.

The Court's Strategy Map may be viewed on the following page.



Organisational Chart



Judges of the Court

Composition

The Judicature (Appellate Jurisdiction) Act provides for the composition of the Court of Appeal. Section 3 of the Act stipulates that the court is comprised of a President and not more than 12 Judges of Appeal. It further provides that, as head of the judiciary, the Chief Justice is also a member of the court. The Chief Justice, however, can only sit in the court on the invitation of the President and only if at least four other Judges of Appeal are sitting.

In 2025, the composition of the Court experienced changes through retirement as well as permanent and acting appointments, which are detailed below.

Retirement

In the year in review, the Court of Appeal bade farewell to the Hon Mrs Justice Almarie Sinclair-Haynes CD, JA who, after 10 years of distinguished service, proceeded on retirement.

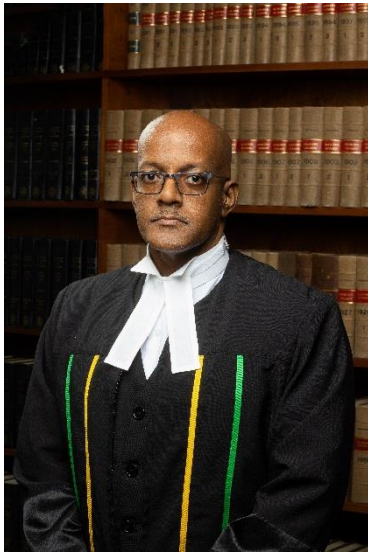
Mrs Justice Sinclair-Haynes was appointed as a Judge of Appeal on 16 November 2015 following her tenure, first as a Resident Magistrate (now known as Judge of the Parish Court) and then as a Puisne Judge. In each capacity, Mrs Justice Sinclair-Haynes served the Judiciary and the wider Jamaica with distinction and great pride.

The Court of Appeal records its immense gratitude to Mrs Justice Sinclair-Haynes for the tremendous contribution she has made through her sterling service. As she embarks on this new chapter of life, the Court extends its very best wishes to her and her family.



The Hon Mrs Justice Almarie Sinclair-Haynes CD, JA

Permanent appointments



During 2025, there were two permanent appointments to the Bench of the Court of Appeal. The first appointment took effect on 6 January 2025, when the Hon Mr Justice Kissock Laing, Puisne Judge, was sworn in as a Judge of Appeal.

Subsequently, in the Michaelmas Term, on 22 September 2025, the Hon Mrs Justice Georgianna Fraser, Puisne Judge, was sworn in as a Judge of Appeal.



The Hon Mr Justice Kissock Laing CD, JA The Court was pleased to welcome their permanent appointments and extends its best wishes to them for a successful and fulfilling tenure.

The Hon Mrs Justice Georgianna Fraser JA



Acting appointment

The Hon Mrs Justice Lorna Shelly Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, was again called upon to act as a Judge of Appeal in the Michaelmas Term 2025, having previously acted as a Judge of Appeal in 2024. The Court of Appeal welcomed her acting appointment and continued contribution to the life and work of the court.

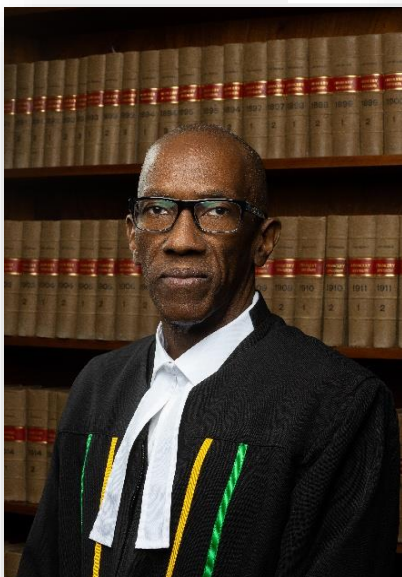
The Hon Mrs Justice Lorna Shelly Williams JA (Ag)

Judges of the court

At the end of 2025, the Court comprised: the Hon Mrs Justice Marva McDonald-Bishop OJ, CD, P; the Hon Mr Justice Frank Williams CD, JA; the Hon Miss Justice Paulette Williams CD, JA; the Hon Miss Justice Jennifer Straw CD, JA; the Hon Miss Justice Carol Edwards CD, JA; the Hon Mrs Justice Nicole Foster-Pusey CD, JA; the Hon Mr Justice David Fraser CD, JA; the Hon Miss Justice Nicole Simmons CD, JA; the Hon Mrs Justice Vivene Harris CD, JA; the Hon Mrs Justice Marcia Dunbar-Green CD, JA; the Hon Mr Justice Evan Brown, CD, JA, the Hon Mr Justice Kissock Laing CD, JA and the Hon Mrs Justice Georgiana Fraser JA.



The Hon Mrs Justice Marva McDonald-Bishop OJ, CD, P



The Hon Mr Justice Frank Williams CD, JA



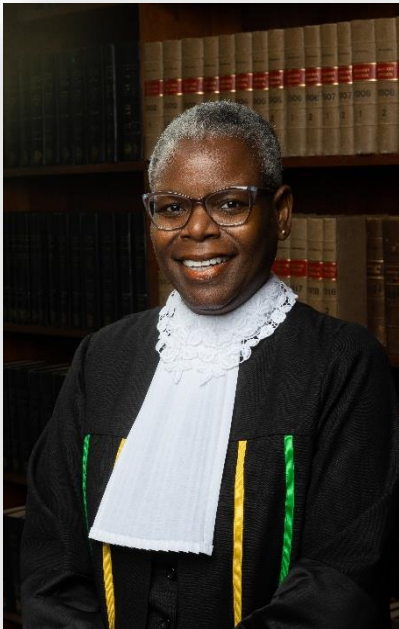
The Hon Miss Justice Paulette Williams CD, JA



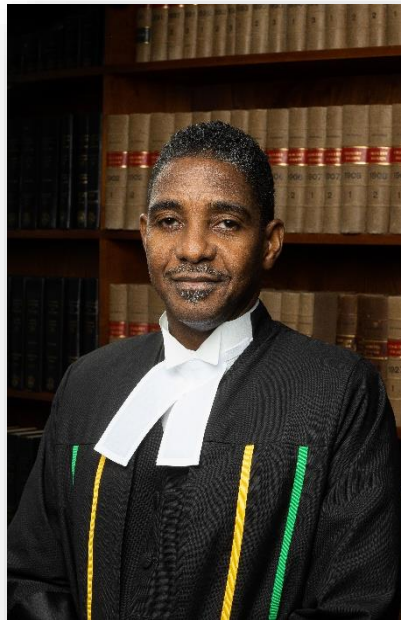
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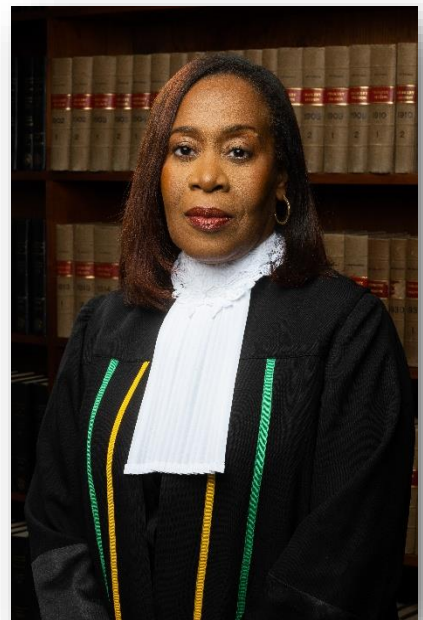
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The Hon Mr Justice David Fraser CD, JA



The Hon Miss Justice Nicole Simmons CD, JA



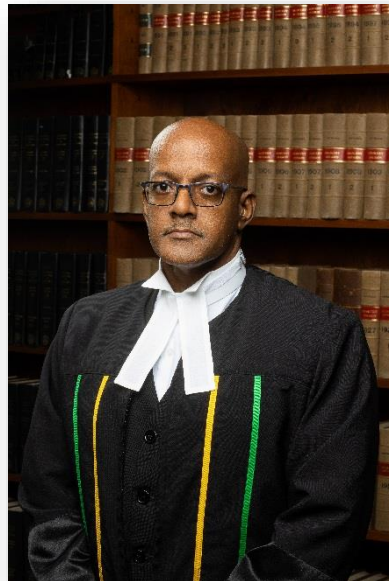
The Hon Mrs Justice Vivene Harris CD, JA



The Hon Mrs Justice Marcia Dunbar-Green CD, JA



The Hon Mr Justice Evan Brown CD, JA



The Hon Mr Justice Kissock Laing CD, JA



The Hon Mrs Justice Georgianna Fraser JA

Court Staff

Staff complement

In 2025, the number of posts at the Court of Appeal, under the Civil Service Establishment Act, was 55. At the end of 2025, the court comprised the following:

- 1 Registrar
- 1 Deputy Registrar
- 1 Director, Human Resource and Administration
- 15 Senior Judicial Counsel
- 1 Judicial Counsel
- 1 Manager, Office Services
- 6 Executive Secretaries
- 1 Audio Visual Technician
- 1 Senior Secretary
- 4 Chief Court Assistants
- 2 Senior Court Assistants
- 2 Data Entry Clerks
- 1 Senior Records Officer
- 2 Records Officers
- 4 Orderlies
- 7 Attendants

Staff movements

In 2025, the court bade farewell to Ms Kalisia Miller, Senior Judicial Counsel, who left to pursue further studies. The court records its sincere gratitude for Ms Miller's dedicated service and contribution and extends best wishes to her in her future endeavours.

Having served in an acting capacity, in 2025, the following persons were permanently appointed to their posts:

- Mr Adriel Williams – Deputy Registrar
- Miss Tawanna Watson – Senior Judicial Counsel

- Mrs Yanique Brown- Richards – Senior Judicial Counsel
- Miss Ariana Mills – Judicial Counsel
- Mr Hackeem Ballentyne – Judges’ Orderly

Additionally, the year in review saw the following re-assignments and acting appointments:

- Miss Samantha Barnes – Manager, Office Services;
- Miss Julianne Sharpe – Acting Senior Judicial Counsel;
- Mr Khamisi Harris – Acting Senior Judicial Counsel;
- Mr Chevaughn Thomas - Acting Chief Court Assistant;
- Miss Shadae Thompson – Acting Senior Court Assistant;
- Mr Rasheed Francis – Acting Senior Records Officer;
- Miss Britney Simms – Acting Records Officer;
- Miss Kimberley Miller – Data Entry Clerk; and
- Mr Alex Wallace - Data Entry Clerk.

The Court congratulates these officers on their respective appointments and wishes them every success for their tenure.

Sittings

In 2025, the Court of Appeal sat for a total of 40 weeks, comprising 13 weeks in the Hilary Term, 14 weeks in the Easter Term and 13 weeks in the Michaelmas Term.

As part of their judicial duties, the judges of the court were assigned weekly duties in chambers to consider applications on paper and/or conduct case management conferences and oral hearings on *inter partes* applications. The judges also performed duties during the legal vacations, considering procedural applications.

The full list of sittings for 2025 is available on the court's website at www.courtsofappeal.gov.jm.

Special Sittings in 2025

a) Special Nine-Member Panel

The court, for the first time in its history, constituted a special nine-member panel of judges, led by the President, to hear a matter of constitutional importance - **Cecil Moore v R**¹. The panel was so constituted in light of the nature and import of the issue under consideration and to give a decision that would truly reflect the court's position on the matter at hand. The case concerned the issue of whether the applicant was to be given credit for time served in pre-trial custody, in recognition of his constitutional right to liberty, notwithstanding the mandatory minimum sentence for wounding with intent under section 20(2)(b) of the Offences Against the Persons Act.

The panel which heard the matter comprised the Hon Mrs Justice McDonald-Bishop OJ, CD, P, the Hon Mr Justice Frank Williams CD, JA; the Hon Miss Justice Paulette Williams CD, JA; the Hon Miss Justice Jennifer Straw CD, JA; the Hon Miss Justice Carol Edwards CD, JA; the Hon Mrs Justice Nicole Foster-Pusey CD, JA; the Hon Mr Justice David Fraser, CD, JA; the Hon Miss Justice Nicole Simmons, CD, JA and the Hon Mrs Justice Vivene Harris, CD, JA.

¹ Supreme Court Criminal Appeal No 25/2016.



The nine-member panel listening to submissions

The sitting also marked the first occasion on which the Court of Appeal livestreamed the full hearing of an appeal.



**Mr Robert Fletcher seen addressing the court on behalf of Cecil Moore.
Miss Paula Llewellyn KC, Director of Public Prosecutions (seated in front) appeared on behalf of the Crown**



Miss Paula Llewellyn KC, Director of Public Prosecutions, addressing the court.

The sitting marked the last appearance in the Court of Appeal by Miss Paula Llewellyn KC, Director of Public Prosecutions, before her retirement from office. At the conclusion of the hearing, Miss Llewellyn took time out to bid the court farewell. The court acknowledged the farewell message of Madam Director of Public Prosecutions and wished her a happy and fulfilling retirement

b) Opening of the Michaelmas Term

The court marked the start of the Michaelmas Term with a special sitting on 22 September 2025. The panel presiding comprised the Hon Miss Justice Paulette Williams JA, Mrs Justice Vivene Harris JA and Mrs Justice Lorna Shelly-Williams JA (Ag). The sitting was a live-streamed event attended by representatives of the public and private Bars as well as the media.

Special appreciation is extended to the Client Services, Communication and Information and the ICT Departments of the CAD and the court's audiovisual technician for making the necessary arrangements to facilitate the livestreaming of both sittings.

Work of the Court

The court's work in adjudicating appeals and applications continued throughout 2025. During each term of the year in review, in addition to sitting either in court or in chambers for oral hearings, single judges of the court also considered, on paper:

- a) applications for permission to appeal from criminal convictions and/or sentences passed in the Supreme Court;
- b) procedural applications;
- c) records of appeal for the purposes of making case management directions in appeals from the Supreme Court; and
- d) motions/applications for leave to appeal to His Majesty in Council.

The judges of the court were also called upon by the President to assist with administrative matters, including oversight of various sectors of the court, attending meetings/conferences and participating in recruitment.

The court's work in adjudicating matters will be reflected herein as follows:

- (1) transcripts of criminal cases referred for consideration on paper of applications for leave to appeal (Table A and Chart 1);
- (2) procedural applications in civil cases and motions for leave to appeal to His Majesty in Council referred for consideration on paper (Table B and Chart 2);
- (3) civil records of appeal referred for case management (Table C and Chart 3);
- (4) oral hearings conducted in chambers (Table D);
- (5) disposal of applications by single judges (Table E)
- (6) disposal of applications and motions by the court (Tables F and Chart 4) and appeals (Tables G-I, K and L) and the court's clearance rate (Chart 6);
- (7) new appeals filed in the year under review and pending appeals at the end of the period (Tables G – J and Chart 5)

- (8) number of matters disposed of by the court (Table L);
- (9) total matters disposed (Table M)
- (10) judgments delivered within six months of completion of hearings (Table N);
- (11) judgment delivery rate (Table O)
- (12) hearing date certainty (Table P)
- (13) judgments reduced to writing (Tables Q and R and Charts 7 and 8);
- (14) outstanding reserved judgments (Table S);
- (15) outstanding reasons for judgment (Table T);
- (16) outstanding transcripts in criminal cases pending appeal (Table U and Chart 9);
- (17) outstanding records of proceedings in civil matters pending appeal (Table V and Chart 10); and
- (18) appeals pending (Table W).

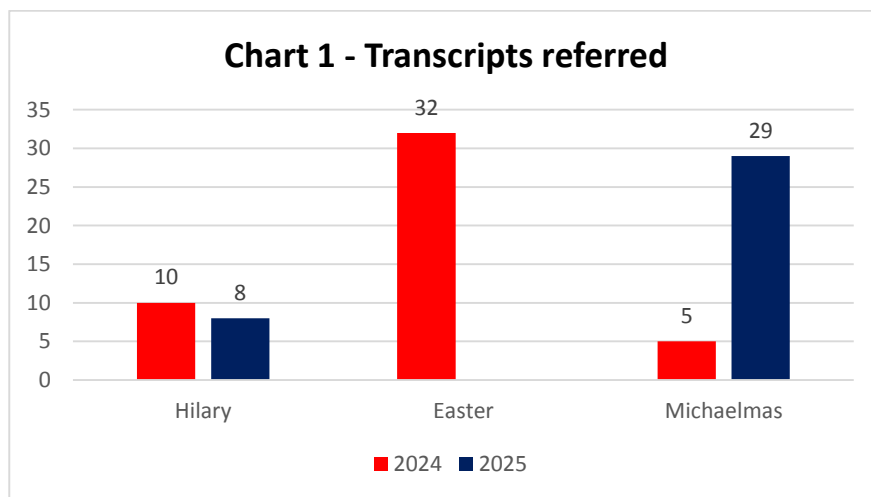
Criminal transcripts referred to single judges of appeal

Applications for leave to appeal in criminal matters² are considered on paper by single judges. To facilitate their consideration of these applications, the court must first obtain the transcripts of the proceedings from the Supreme Court. Once these transcripts are obtained, the applications are referred to single judges for determination.

Table A – Transcripts referred

Term	2024	2025
Hilary	10	8
Easter	32	-
Michaelmas	5	29
Total	47	37

The total number of transcripts referred to single judges for the year is dependent on the number of transcripts received from the Supreme Court.



In both Table A and Chart 1, it is noted that 21.27% fewer transcripts were referred to single judges in 2025 when compared to the previous year.

² Most criminal matters emanating from the Supreme Court commence as applications for leave to appeal against convictions and/or sentences.

Applications/motions referred to single Judges of Appeal For consideration on paper

By virtue of the Court of Appeal Rules and Practice Direction No 1/2016, certain types of procedural applications³ and motions may be considered and determined on paper by single judges.

Table B – Number of applications/motions referred

Period	2024	2025
Hilary Term	19	26
Easter Term	26	23
Summer Vacation	10	13
Michaelmas Term	22	20
Total	77	82

The number of applications/motions referred is dependent on the number of applications/motions filed in the court which fall within the jurisdiction of single judges.

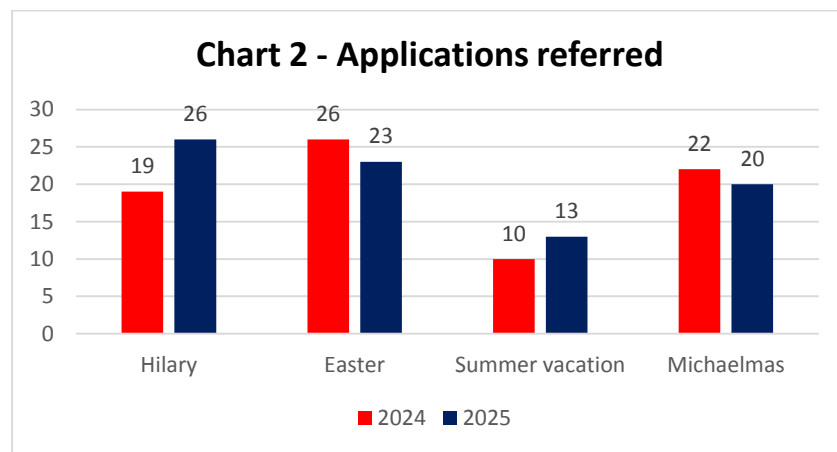


Table B and Chart 2 reflect that there was a 6.49% increase in the number of applications/motions referred in 2025 over the previous year.

³Such as applications for stays of execution, injunctions, security for costs. These are first to be referred to single judges for consideration on paper. The judges may either make orders without an oral hearing or issue directions for an oral hearing to take place.

Records of appeal referred to single Judges of Appeal

The Court of Appeal Rules require appellants in civil appeals from the Supreme Court to file records of appeal within timelines specified by the Rules. When records of appeal are filed, the Rules require that the files, inclusive of the records of appeal, be referred to single judges for case management directions⁴.

Table C – Records of appeal referred

Term	2024	2025
Hilary	16	13
Easter	27	14
Michaelmas	11	7
Total	54	34

The number of records referred is dependent on the number of certified records of proceedings received from the Supreme Court and the level of compliance by the appellants in filing the records of appeal within the specified timelines.

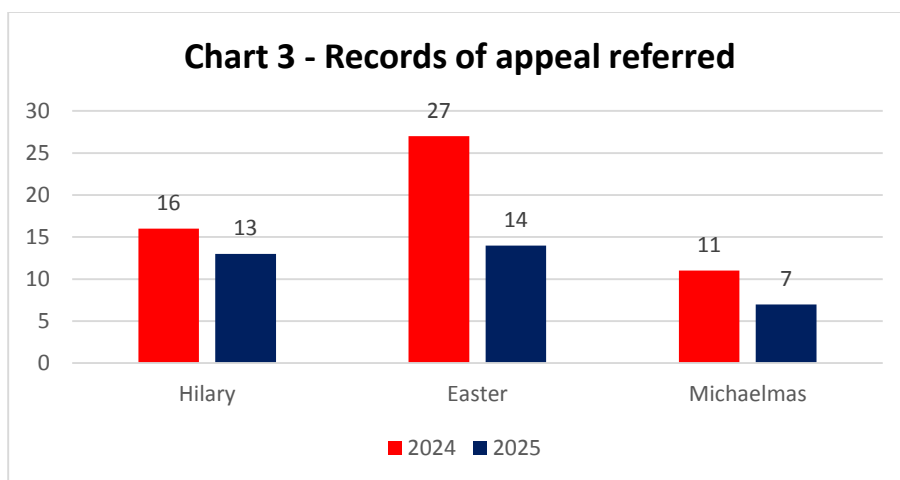


Table C and Chart 3 depict a 37% decrease in the number of records of appeal referred in 2025 in comparison to 2024.

⁴ Single judges may make case management directions without an oral hearing or may direct the holding of case management conferences.

Hearings in chambers by single judges of appeal

The number of hearings conducted in chambers by single judges of the court in 2025, when compared to 2024, is reflected in Table D below.

Table D – Hearings in Chambers

Term	2024	2025
<i>Applications</i>		
Hilary	11	14
Easter	13	26
Michaelmas	11	10
<i>CMCs</i>		
Hilary	34	39
Easter	95	28
Michaelmas	62	18
Total	226	135

**CMCs – Case Management Conferences*

Table D indicates a 40.27% decrease in the number of oral hearings in chambers by single judges of appeal in 2025 when compared to 2024. As reported for 2024, a large number of older civil appeals in which records of proceedings have not been received from the Supreme Court were listed for case management conferences to determine the way forward. While some older civil matters were listed for case management conferences in 2025, the number of matters listed was less than 2024 because for two of the three court terms, only one judge was assigned to chambers each week.

Disposal of applications/motions by single Judges of Appeal

Table E shows a comparison of the number of applications/motions determined by single judges of appeal on paper and by oral hearings in 2024 and 2025.

Table E – Applications/motions determined by single judges of appeal

Term	2024	2025
<i>On paper</i>		
Hilary	9	11
Easter ⁵	12	8
Michaelmas	7	6
<i>Oral hearing</i>		
Hilary	10	11
Easter	15	14
Michaelmas	11	8
Total	64	58

In 2025, as reflected in Table E, there was a 9.4% decrease in the number of applications determined by single judges when compared to 2024. Table E also shows that 43.11% of the applications determined by single judges in 2025 were determined without an oral hearing. This is a decrease of 0.64 percentage points when compared to the previous year, when 43.75% of the applications determined by single judges were determined without oral hearings.

⁵ Figure includes the Summer vacation.

Disposal of applications and motions by the court

The court also receives applications which, by virtue of statute/rules, do not fall within the jurisdiction of single judges of the court ⁶ along with motions for leave to appeal to His Majesty in Council in matters where the appeal is not as of right. These applications and motions are heard and determined by the court.

Table F – Applications and motions determined by the court⁷

Term	2024	2025
Hilary Term	34	26
Easter Term	50	21
Michaelmas	26	37
Total	110	84

In Table F and Chart 4 below, a comparison is shown of the number of applications and motions determined by the court in 2025 over 2024.

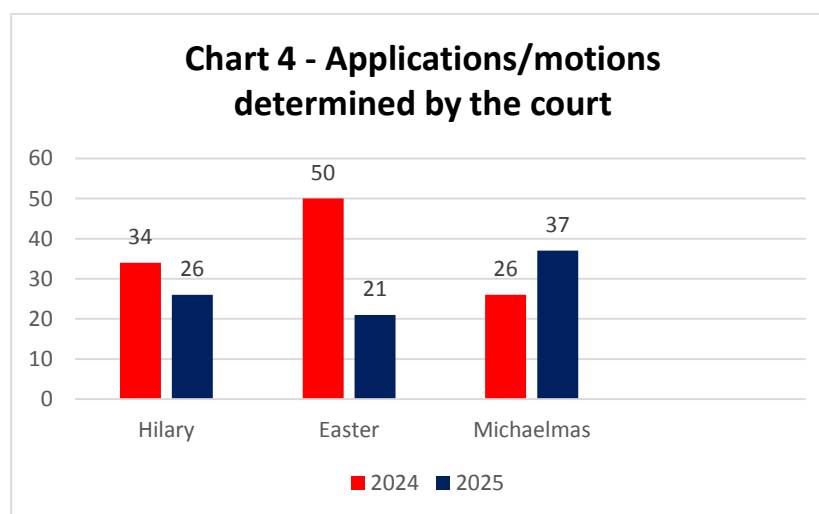


Table F and Chart 4 show that the number of applications and motions determined by the court in 2025 decreased by 23.64% over the previous year.

⁶ The applications outside of the jurisdiction of single judges of appeal include civil applications for permission to appeal; applications for extension of time to file an appeal; applications to vary/discharge the order of a single judge; and applications to adduce fresh evidence.

⁷ Applications for permission to appeal in criminal matters are not included here but are dealt with in Tables G, H, I, K and L.

New and determined appeals

Tables G to I reflect the number of new and determined appeals as well as the number of pending appeals by category for each Term in 2025.

Table G - New and determined appeals – Hilary Term 2025

Appeals	Pending at start of term	New cases filed	Determined cases	Pending at end of term
Supreme Court				
Civil Appeals	1081	24	36	1069
Criminal Appeals	576	24	13	587
Miscellaneous Appeals	43	3	7	39
Prosecution Appeals	3	1	-	4
Parish Court				
Civil Appeals	73	4	2	75
Criminal Appeals	25 ⁸	1	-	26
Miscellaneous Appeals	5	1	3	3
Total	1806	58	56	1803

Table H - New and determined appeals – Easter Term 2025

Appeals	Pending at start of term	New cases filed	Determined cases	Pending at end of term
Supreme Court				
Civil Appeals	1069	60	35	1094
Criminal Appeals	587	35	10	612
Miscellaneous Appeals	39	8	6	41
Prosecution Appeals	4	-	-	4
Parish Court				
Civil Appeals	75	7	2	80
Criminal Appeals	26	1	-	27
Miscellaneous Appeals	3	-	-	3
Total	1803	111	53	1861

⁸ The figure was corrected from 24 to 25. This, therefore, increases the total pending to 1806.

Table I
New and determined appeals – Michaelmas Term 2025

Appeals	Pending at start of term	New cases filed	Determined cases	Pending at end of term
Supreme Court				
Civil Appeals	1094	43	41	1096
Criminal Appeals	612	27	15	624
Miscellaneous Appeals	41	3	1	43
Prosecution Appeals	4	1	-	5
Parish Court				
Civil Appeals	80	2	6	76
Criminal Appeals	27	3	-	30
Miscellaneous Appeals	3	1	-	4
Total	1861	80	63	1878

Tables G to I show that the total number of pending appeals at the end of 2025 increased by 3.99% in comparison to 2024. Additionally, of the total number of new appeals recorded in 2025, 85.54% were from the Supreme Court, 8.03% were from Parish Courts and 6.43% were miscellaneous appeals.

Table J – New appeals

Type	2024	2025
Civil	147	140
Criminal	100	93
Miscellaneous	4	16
Total	251	249

As depicted in Table J and Chart 5, the number of new appeals decreased by 0.79% in 2025 in comparison to 2024.

Table K – Determined appeals

Type	2024	2025
Civil	156	122
Criminal	90	38
Miscellaneous	8	17
Prosecution Appeal	2	
Total	256	177

The number of determined appeals decreased by 30.85% in 2025 compared to 2024.

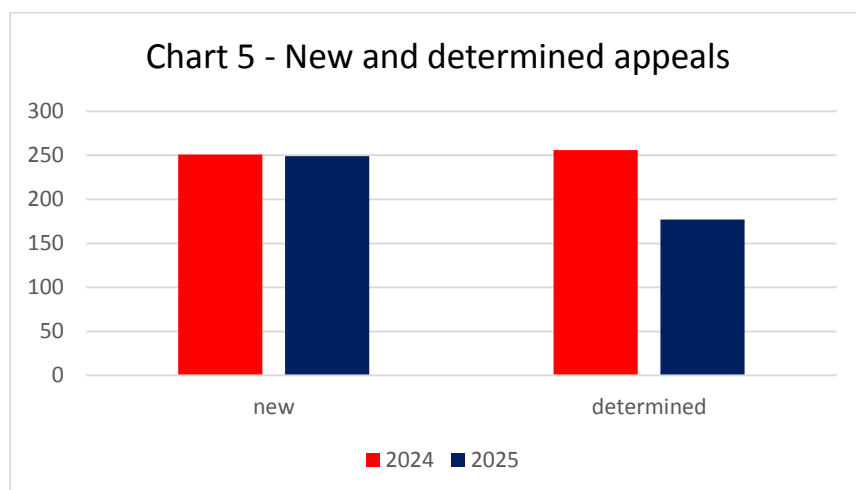


Chart 5 shows the new and determined appeals in 2025 in comparison to 2024.

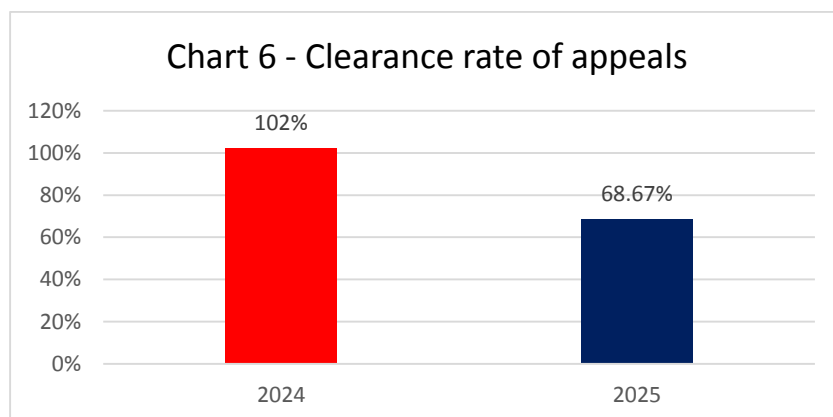


Chart 6 shows the clearance rate of appeals in 2025 compared to 2024. The clearance rate of appeals in 2025 was 68.67%, while in the previous year the clearance rate of appeals was 102%. This represents a decrease of 33.33 percentage points.

Table L - Number of matters determined by the court

Type	2024	2025
Applications/motions	110	84
Criminal appeals/ applications for permission to appeal	90	38
Civil appeals	156	122
Miscellaneous	8	17
Prosecution Appeal	2	
Total	366	261

Table L depicts a 28.7% decrease of the total matters determined by the court in 2025 when compared to the previous year.

Table M – Total matters determined by the court and by single judges

Type	2024	2025
Applications/motions	181	142
Appeals	256	177
Total	437	319

As seen in Table M there was a decrease of 27% in the total number of matters determined by the court and single judges of appeal in 2025 over the previous year.

Table N – Judgment delivery timeline 2025

Term	Judgments delivered on hearing day	Judgments delivered within a week	Judgments delivered within 3 months	Judgments delivered within 6 months
Hilary	33	15	4	2
Easter	31	16	6	3
Michaelmas	48	16	4	4
Total	112	47	14	9

As seen in Table N, of the total number of matters determined in 2025, 57.05% were determined within six months of the hearing. This reflects an increase of 1.22 percentage points over the previous year when 55.83% of the judgments were delivered within six months.

Table N also reveals that of the total number of judgments which were determined in six months, 61.53% were determined on the same day of hearing. This reflects an increase of 8.26 percentage points when compared to 2024 when 53.27% of the total judgments delivered within six months were determined on the same day of hearing.

In 2025, 87.36% of the judgments delivered within six months, were determined within a week of the hearing and 95% were determined with three months of the hearing. This is an increase of 1.81 and 1.56 percentage points over the previous year when 81.55% were determined within a week of hearing and 93.44% were determined within three months of hearing.

Judgment delivery rate

Table O

Term	Number reserved	Number determined	Judgment delivery rate
Hilary	21	82	390.47%
Easter	25	68	272%
Michaelmas	16	98	612.5%
Total	62	248	400%

Table O reveals that in 2025 the court registered an overall judgment delivery rate of 400%. This suggests that for every 10 newly reserved judgments in 2025, roughly 40 judgments were delivered. The highest judgment delivery rate was registered in the Michaelmas Term at 612.5%, while the Easter Term registered the lowest at 272%. The international standard for judgment delivery is 100%, and so the Court of Appeal continued to perform exceptionally well.

Hearing date certainty

Table P

Term	No. of matters listed on hearing lists	No. of matters which commenced as scheduled	Hearing date certainty rate %
Hilary	93	80	86
Easter	100	92	92
Michaelmas	108	96	89
Total	301	268	89

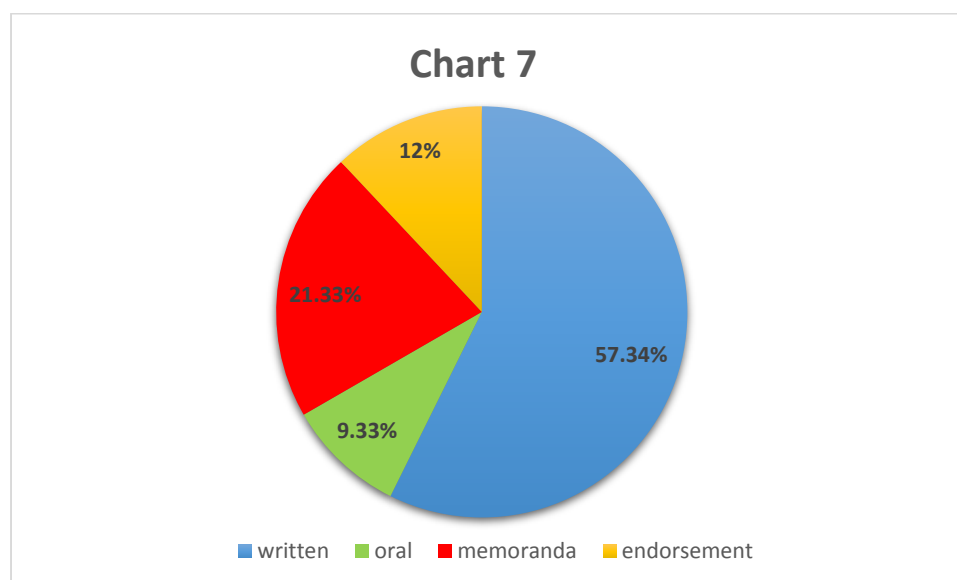
A hearing date certainty rate of 89% was recorded for matters listed before the court in 2025. This suggests that for every 100 hearing dates set during the year, roughly 89 matters proceeded without postponement. The Easter Term in 2025 recorded a hearing date certainty rate of 92%, which is the highest rate of the three terms. The international standard for hearing date certainty is a minimum of 95% and, as seen in Table P, the court continues to trend in the right direction.

Judgments in writing

Table Q

Term	No. of written judgments	No. of oral judgments in writing	No. of memoranda of reasons	No of endorsements
Hilary	27	3	7	3
Easter	26	8	13	6
Michaelmas	33	3	12	9
Total	86	14	32	18

Judgments in writing take the form of written judgments, oral judgments (reduced to writing), memoranda of reasons and endorsements. As seen in Table Q, in 2025 the more than half of the total number of judgments in writing were delivered in the form of written judgments.



As seen in Table Q and depicted in Chart 7, of the total judgments delivered in writing, 57.34% were written judgments, 9.33% were oral judgments, 21.33% were memoranda of reasons and 12% were endorsements.

Table R

Term	2024	2025
<i>Civil appeals</i>		
Hilary	23	20
Easter	24	18
Michaelmas	15	19
<i>Criminal appeals/ Applications for permission</i>		
Hilary	21	10
Easter	24	19
Michaelmas	20	14
<i>Applications</i>		
Hilary	15	10
Easter	32	16
Michaelmas	14	24
Total	188	150

As depicted in Table R the number of judgments in writing decreased by 20.21% in 2025 when compared to 2024.

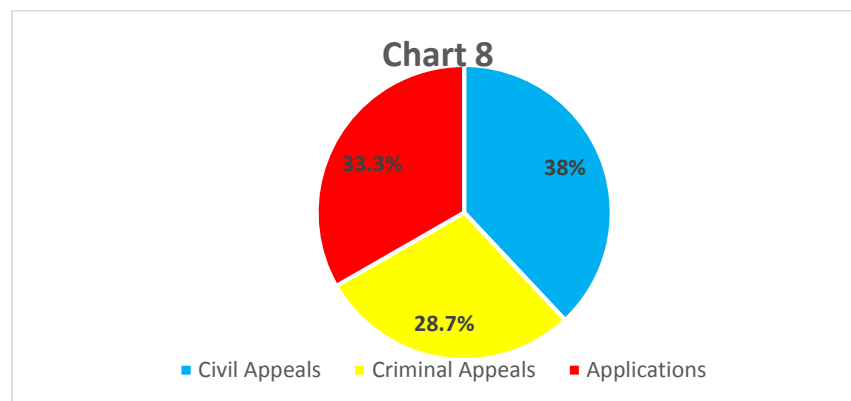


Chart 8 reveals that of all the judgments in writing in 2025, 38% were in civil appeals, 33.3% were in applications and 28.7 were in criminal appeals.

Outstanding reserved judgments at year end

Table S

Year reserved	No. outstanding 2024	No Outstanding 2025
2021	3	0
2022	8	6
2023	36	14
2024	33	22
2025	-	50
Total	80	92

Table S shows a 15% increase in the number of reserved judgments outstanding at the end of 2025 when compared to 2024.

Outstanding reasons for judgment at year end

Table T

Year reserved	No. outstanding 2024	No Outstanding 2025
2021	1	1
2022	2	2
2023	4	3
2024	6	4
2025	-	4
Total	13	14

As depicted in Table T the total number of reasons for judgment outstanding increased by 7.7% in 2025 when compared to the previous year.

Outstanding criminal transcripts

Table U

Year filed	Number Outstanding 2024	Number Outstanding 2025
2013	1	1
2016	1	0
2017	0	0
2018	1	1
2019	7	5
2020	6	6
2021	21	14
2022	32	30
2023	75	70
2024	90	82
2025	-	76
Total	234	285

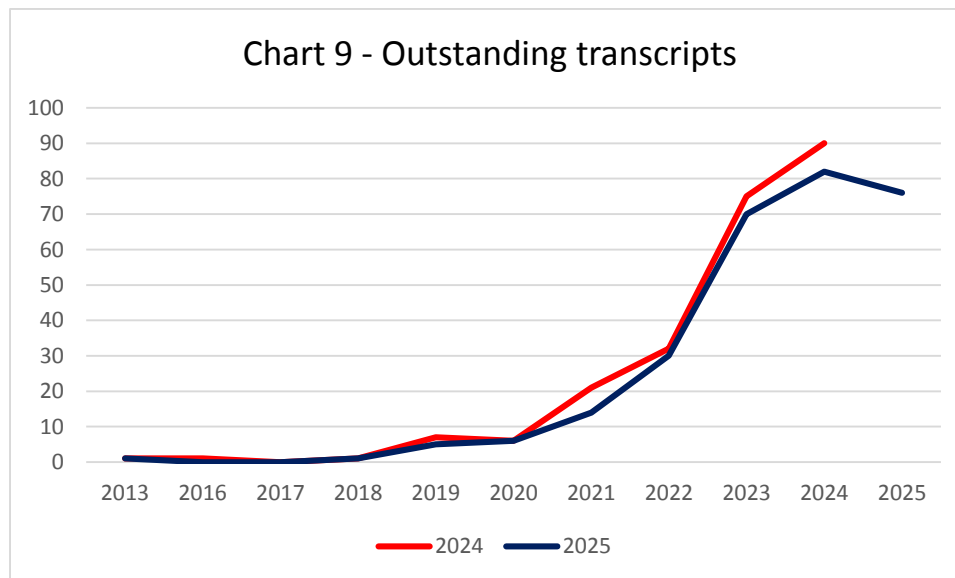
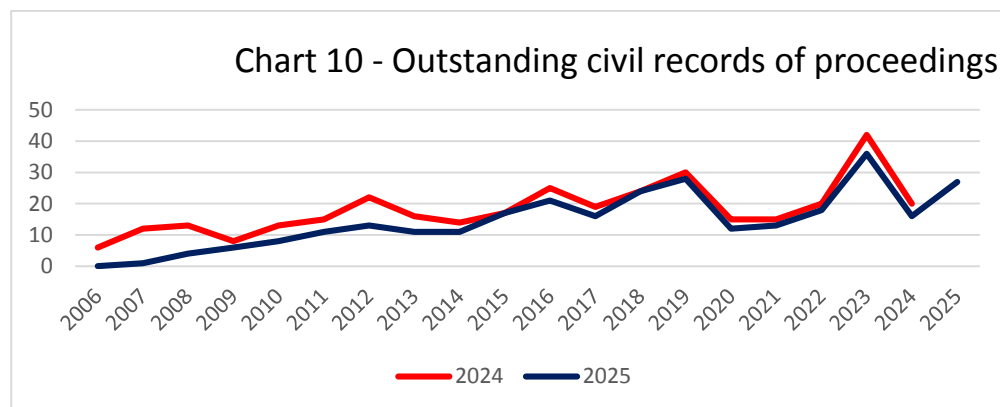


Table U and Chart 9 show that the number of outstanding transcripts increased by 21.79% in 2025 over the previous year.

Outstanding civil records of proceedings

Table V

Year filed	Number Outstanding 2024	Number Outstanding 2025
2006	6	0
2007	2	1
2008	13	4
2009	8	6
2010	13	8
2011	15	11
2012	22	13
2013	16	11
2014	14	11
2015	17	17
2016	25	21
2017	19	16
2018	24	24
2019	30	28
2020	15	12
2021	15	13
2022	20	18
2023	42	36
2024	20	16
2025	-	27
Total	336	293



As seen in Table V and Chart 10 the number of outstanding civil records of proceedings decreased by 12.79% in 2025 when compared to 2024.

Pending appeals

Table W

	2024	2025
Number brought forward from previous year	1810	1806
New appeals filed	251	249
Appeals determined	256	177
Balance pending at year end	1806	1878

Table W depicts a 3.98% increase in the number of appeals which were pending at the end of 2025 when compared to 2024.

At the end of 2025 there were 1878 appeals pending. After taking into account the 285 criminal matters awaiting transcripts and the 293 civil matters awaiting certified copies of the records of proceedings, the 'true' pending figure at the end of 2025 was 1300.

By comparison the 'true' pending figure for 2024 was 1236 taking into account the 234 outstanding criminal transcripts and 336 outstanding certified records of proceedings.

Practice Directions and Notes

In 2025, the President, with the concurrence of the judges of the court, issued Practice Direction No 1/2025. This Practice Direction, which took effect immediately, concerned the issuing, by the court in appropriate cases, of advance copies of judgments prior to delivery and publication. As indicated in the Practice Direction, the court's purpose in issuing advance copies is to invite counsel's assistance in the identification of clerical and typographical mistakes, apparent errors and omissions and, in appropriate cases, facilitate submissions for the determination of costs; and is not intended for the purpose of allowing counsel to re-argue the matter.

News

Orientation for new staff

In the year under review, Registrar Mrs Stacie-Anne Brown and Deputy Registrar Mr Adriel Williams continued to participate, at the invitation of the CAD, in orientation exercises organised by the CAD for new members of staff within the Judiciary.

Annual Assize Services

The annual assize services to mark the commencement of the Michaelmas Term 2025 were held at the Meadowbrook United Church in St Andrew on 7 September 2025 and at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, St James on 14 September 2025 under the theme “Rooted in faith, justice-driven, impacting the future”.

National Honour

In 2025, the Hon Mr Justice Kissock Laing JA was conferred with the Order of Distinction in the Rank of Commander in recognition of his distinguished service to the Jamaican Judiciary. The court extends to him its heartfelt congratulations on his well-deserved national honour.



The Hon Mr Justice Kissock Laing JA receiving his award

Farewell for Mrs Justice Almarie Sinclair-Haynes CD, JA

The Court held a special farewell in honour of the Hon Mrs Justice Sinclair-Haynes JA to thank her for her sterling years of service and to wish her well as she begins her retirement.



Appointment

Ms Sanique Richards, Senior Judicial Counsel, was in 2025 sworn in as a Justice of the Peace. The court congratulates Ms Richards on this wonderful appointment.

Promotions

Corporal Douglas Najair and Constables Roshane Blackwood, Arlene Hylton-Robinson, Marlene Hayden, Adrian Harris and Kenroy Martin, Close Protection Officers assigned to the Court of Appeal, were promoted to the ranks of Sergeant and Corporal, respectively. The court extends its congratulations to Sergeant Najair and Corporals Blackwood, Hylton-Robinson, Hayden, Harris and Martin on their elevation.

Wedding bells

In 2025 wedding bells heralded the nuptials of a member of the court family, Miss Sherica Paul (now Mrs. Fiddler). The court welcomed the happy news and extended its congratulations and best wishes.

Court Users Committee

The Court Users Committee continued to meet throughout 2025, providing an important avenue through which the court and its external stakeholders could address mutual areas of concern, including the adjudication of matters, the delivery of judgments, and improvements to the general surroundings of the court.

ISO 9001:2015(E) Certification

As one of the courts within the Jamaican Judiciary which was selected to pursue ISO 9001:2015(E) certification, the Court of Appeal has been working with the consultants engaged by the Judiciary to guide us through the various stages of preparations. To steer the process for the court, an oversight committee chaired by the President was established and has been meeting with the consultants and working to ensure that the court can meet all the requirements for certification.

Retreat

The Court of Appeal held an on-site Judges' Retreat between 8 and 10 September 2025. The retreat, which is an annual feature of the court's calendar, covered several key topics such as "Legal Summaries for Criminal Appeals: Moving Forward", "Overview of Critical

Legislative Amendments”, “Bail Appeals”, and “Considering Governor-General’s References”. It also incorporated personal wellness and development sessions with presentations on “Health and Wellness: Ergonomic Considerations” and “Strive to Thrive! Roadmap Towards Effective Communication and Successful Time and Self-Management”. The retreat also provided an opportunity to give an overview of the Judicial Strategic Business Plan as well as to settle areas of focus for judicial training.

Staff Development Day

A Staff Development Day was held on 14 March 2025 at Pollyanna Restaurant. The facilitators for the day were Dr Nsombi Jaja and Mrs Joan Davis Williams, who led the group through “Personal and Professional Development for Higher Performance”; the Hon Mrs Justice Nicole Foster-Pusey JA, who presented on “My Time, My Aura, My Life” and Mr Shamar Clarke, who presented on the “Wealth Equation”.



Launch of Judiciary Logo

During the year in review, the Court of Appeal was pleased to host the ceremony to launch the new Judiciary of Jamaica Logo.



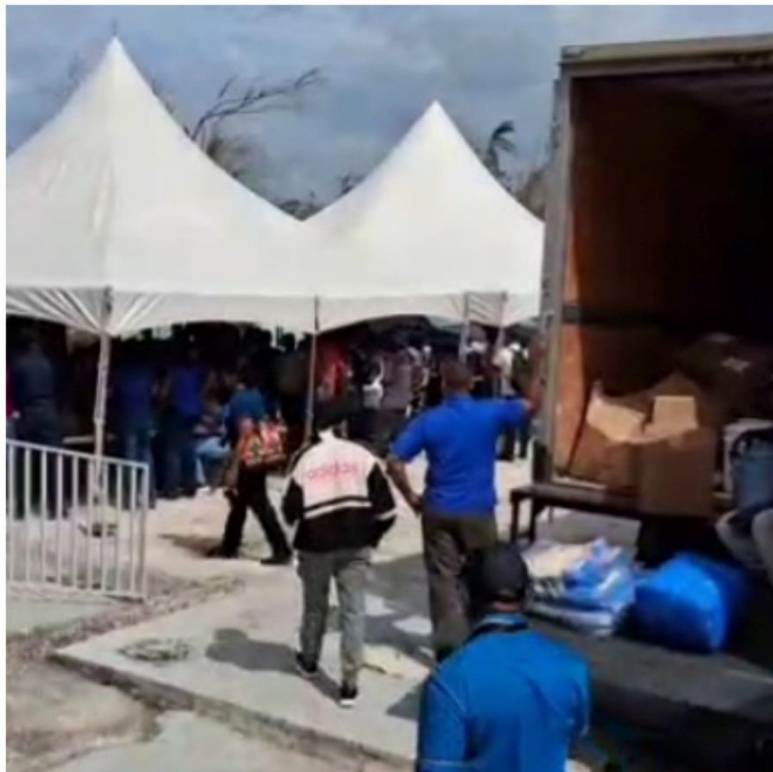
The Hon Mr Justice Bryan Sykes, Chief Justice (middle), the Hon Mrs Justice Marva McDonald-Bishop, President, and His Hon Mr Chester Crooks, Chief Judge of the Parish Courts, pose with the newly launched Judiciary of Jamaica logo.



Registrars Nicole Walters of the Supreme Court (left) and Stacie-Anne Brown (right) also posed with the new logo.

Hurricane Melissa relief

On 28 October 2025, several parishes in the island were severely affected by the passage of Hurricane Melissa. The Court of Appeal participated in the Judiciary's Hurricane Melissa relief initiative, which sought to provide support for affected court staff located in those areas. The court gathered supplies and joined volunteers on trips to courthouses in Westmoreland, St James, and Trelawny.



School visits

Once again the court, in fulfilment of its strategic objective of increasing trust in the Judiciary, was pleased to open its doors to students, offering them an opportunity to learn about the court. This year the first visit was from students of Kingston College.



Later in the year, the court was visited by students of St Andrew Technical High School, Kingston High and Holy Trinity High School.



Judiciary Day

The Court of Appeal participated in the inaugural staging of Judiciary Day on 7 May 2025. The day began with parade, which saw the Chief Justice, the President, Judges and staff of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal, and staff members of the Court Administration Division marching along King Street to Justice Square for a civic ceremony, followed by the viewing of exhibitions mounted at the courts.







Parish Court Training

On 28 March 2025, the Court of Appeal conducted a training session on appeals from Parish Courts. The session was held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel and was attended by Judges of the Parish Court, Clerks of Court, Court Operations Managers, and other personnel from Parish Courts across the island. The Hon Mrs Justice Marva McDonald-Bishop P, the Hon Miss Justice Paulette Williams JA, Registrar Mrs Stacie-Anne Brown, and Deputy Registrar Mr Adriel Williams served as presenters at the session, which was moderated by two of the court's Senior Judicial Counsel, Mrs Yumika Harris McKenzie and Mr Jordan Jarrett.



Debating Competition

Team Judiciary of Jamaica (JOJ) participated for the first time in the Transformation Implementation Unit's Public Sector Debating Competition. The Court of Appeal's representatives on Team JOJ were Ms Sanique Richards, Senior Judicial Counsel, and Deputy Registrar Williams. Team JOJ performed exceptionally well, placing third overall.

Strategic Retreat

The Judiciary of Jamaica held its annual Strategic Planning Retreat from 18 – 22 August 2025. The Hon Mrs Justice Nicole Foster-Pusey JA, the Hon Mr Justice David Fraser JA and Deputy Registrar Mr Adriel Williams each participated in sessions during the retreat. At the Awards and Recognition Banquet held as a part of the retreat, the Hon Mr Justice Fraser JA received the distinguished judge award.



Condolences

The court was called upon in 2025 to lend support to team members who lost loved ones during the course of the year. These included the Hon Mrs Justice Marva McDonald-Bishop JA, who lost her cousin, the Hon Miss Justice Carol Edwards JA, who lost her sister, the Hon Mr Justice David Fraser JA, who lost his sister, the Hon Mrs Justice Marcia Dunbar-Green JA, who lost her mother and sister, Mrs Judith Whyte-Green, who lost her mother-in-law, Miss Marianne Wallace, who lost her grandmother, Ms Sherika Paul, who lost her aunt, Mr Dominic Mason, who lost his grand-uncle, Miss Shadae Thompson, who lost her grandmother and aunt, Ms Carlene Richards, who lost her spouse and Mr Gary Allen, who lost his brother. Additionally, the court joined with the family and loved ones of Mrs Jean Wilson-Gordon, Executive Secretary, for her funeral service.



The court extends heartfelt condolences to the families of the respective dearly departed.

Other activities/outreach

During the year in review, the President and Judges of Appeal were engaged as follows:

- The Hon Mrs Justice McDonald-Bishop P sat on the National Council on Justice; the Judicial Service Commission; the Rules Committee of the Supreme Court; King's Counsel Committee; and Civil Service interview panels. She chaired the Court User's Committee.
- The Hon Mrs Justice McDonald-Bishop P was the keynote speaker at the University of the West Indies, Faculty of Law, Distinguished Lecture on 9 October 2025. Her presentation was entitled “Heavy is the Crown: Sentencing in a Modern Constitutional Democracy”.



After delivering her presentation, the Hon Mrs Justice McDonald-Bishop P is joined by Registrar Brown, Deputy Registrar Williams, and the President's Senior Judicial Counsel, Mr Jordan Jarrett, for a photograph.

- The Hon Mrs Justice McDonald-Bishop P, the Hon Mr Justice David Fraser JA and the Hon Mrs Justice Vivene Harris JA served as Associate Tutors at the Norman Manley Law School.
- The Hon Mrs Justice McDonald-Bishop P became the first Jamaican to be appointed President of the Commonwealth Secretariat's Arbitral Tribunal (CSAT).
- The Hon Mrs Justice McDonald-Bishop P served as a member of the International Unique Mentoring Peer to Peer Programme (I-JUMP), the Advisory Committee to the Senior Courts of Belize Sentencing Guidelines Committee, and the Appellate Panel of the Bermuda Judiciary Complaints Protocol.
- The Hon Miss Justice Jennifer Straw JA continued to chair the Criminal Case Management Steering Committee. The Hon Mr Justice D Fraser JA continued to sit on that committee.
- The Hon Miss Justice Straw JA and Mrs Justice Foster-Pusey JA continued to sit on the Annual Assize Services Planning Committee.
- The Hon Miss Justice Edwards JA continued to serve as an executive member of the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers (CAJO).
- The Hon Mrs Justice Nicole Foster-Pusey JA sat on the General Legal Council as the Chief Justice's representative.
- The Hon Mrs Justice Foster-Pusey JA continued to serve as a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal established by the Judicial Service Commission of the Turks and Caicos Islands.
- The Hon Mr Justice D Fraser JA continued to co-chair the Court Infrastructure Steering Committee. The Hon Mrs Justice Marcia Dunbar-Green JA continued to serve on that committee.
- The Hon Mr Justice D Fraser JA participated in the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute (CJEI) Intensive Study Tour in Canada, June 2025.
- The Hon Miss Justice Nicole Simmons JA chaired the Supreme Court Library Committee as the representative of the President of the Court of Appeal.

Other events

The year in review was one which was filled with numerous activities, some of which are captured as follows:

Labour Day





Happiness Day



Valentine's Day



Send off for Ms Kalisia Miller

The Court gathered as a family to bid Ms Kalisia Miller, Senior Judicial Counsel, farewell as she embarked on next path.



Heritage week



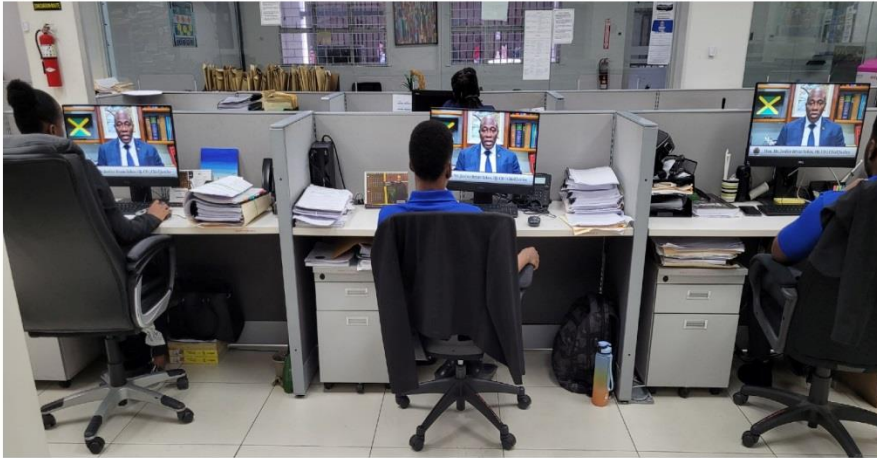
Judges and staff celebrating Heritage Week

Wheelchair handover



The Hon Miss Justice Straw JA and the Hon Mrs Justice Fraser JA handing over a wheelchair to Mrs Judith Whyte Green, on behalf of the judges, for the use of the court

Judicial Wellness Day



Staff fun day

The Court family enjoyed a fun day at Konoko Falls in Ocho Rios, St Ann on Friday 1 August 2025. The day saw fierce competition between the houses, with team Love being victorious.



Looking Ahead

The year 2025 presented challenges—judicial retirement, reduced judicial numbers, illness, loss of loved ones, a hurricane, fire, and a sewage issue—all of which affected the court in various ways. On a positive note, although the court did not meet all its performance targets, it still performed quite well. As it looks ahead, the court remains committed to its mandate of service excellence. In so doing, the court will maintain its focus on the key areas of backlog reduction, timely delivery of judgments, refining its processes to facilitate its pursuit of ISO 9001:2015(E) certification, and the efficient use of judicial time and resources. This will undoubtedly enable the court to achieve its vision of being a world-class appellate court serving all stakeholders with excellence.

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