

REPORT OF THE COURT OF APPEAL/CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

FOR THE YEAR
2025

*Positioning Uganda's Judiciary to contribute to Social and
Economic Development*



Establishment

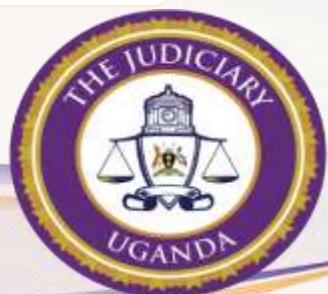


Court of Appeal

Established under **Article 134** of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda as a superior court of record with appellate jurisdiction over lower courts.

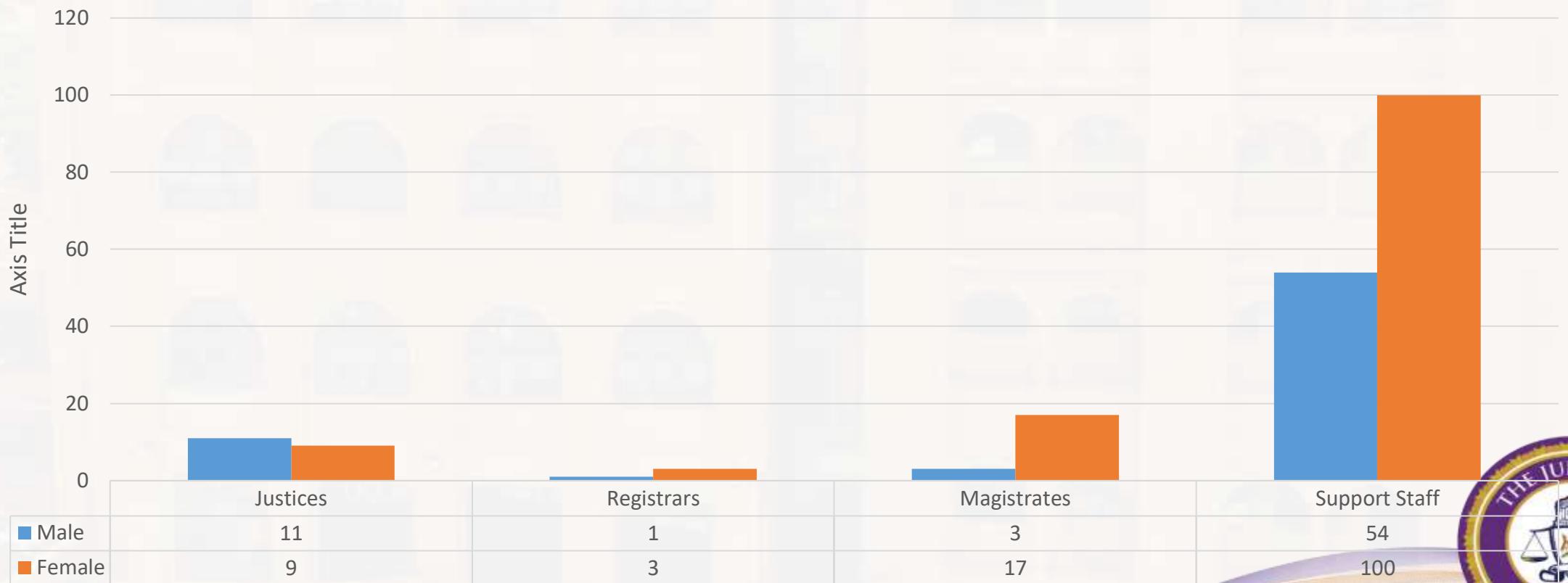
Constitutional Court

Established under **Article 137** of the 1995 Constitution with exclusive jurisdiction to interpret constitutional matters and protect fundamental rights.



Workforce at the Court of Appeal

Table showing the distribution of work force by gender



Performance of the Court of Appeal throughout the calendar year.

Case Category	Brought Forward	Re-instanted	Registered	Completed	Pending
January	12,703	1	186	737	12,153
February	12,153	5	208	74	12,292
March	12,292	12	266	172	12,398
April	12,398	13	267	112	12,566
May	12,566	7	274	124	12,723
June	12,723	3	300	234	12,792
July	12,792	-	352	111	13,033
August	13,033	2	283	138	13,180
September	13,180	5	310	149	13,346
October	13,346	5	344	109	13,586
November	13,586	-	366	166	13,786
December	13,786	-	249	127	13,908
Total	12,703	53	3,405	2,253	13,908



2025 Annual Summary

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3,405

Cases Registered

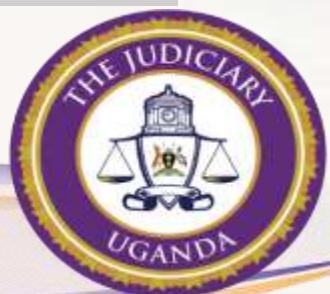
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Cases Completed

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Cases Pending

The Court began 2025 with 12,703 brought-forward cases and reinstated 53 matters during the year, demonstrating sustained judicial activity and commitment to case resolution.



Performance of the Civil Registry

Case Category	Brought Forward	Registered				Completed			Pending
		2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	
Year	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	End 2025	
Civil Appeals	4,548	1,368	1,094	797	114	122	305	5,044	
Civil Applications	2,686	797	771	598	321	400	582	2,711	
Civil References	71	28	43	40	3	6	2	109	
Civil Revisions	10	2	28	6	-	1	11	5	
Election Petitions	6	12	4	1	5	4	6	1	
Election Petition Applications	11	19	4	2	8	7	9	4	
Taxation Applications	176	91	87	73	64	42	38	214	
Taxation Reference	14	7	7	1	2	3	2	13	
Miscellaneous Applications	169	73	90	87	2	1	181	75	
Miscellaneous Causes	23	11	1	-	-	1	23	-	
Execution Applications	61	12	21	17	2	14	27	52	
Special Sitting				1			1	-	
Total	7,775	2,420	2,150	1,623	521	601	1,187	8,228	



Performance of the Constitutional Court Registry

Case Category	Brought Forward	Registered	2024	2025	Completed	2024	2025	Pending End 2025
Year	2025	2023			2023	2024	2025	
Constitutional Petition Cases	130	36	26	24	64	130	76	86
Constitutional Petition	80	45	21	16	97	79	59	37
Constitutional References	5	3	2	1	-	-	3	3
Total	215	84	49	41	161	209	138	126



Performance of the Criminal Registry

Case Category	Brought Forward	Registered				Completed			Pending
		2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	
Year	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2025	
Criminal Appeals	3,899	614	753	763	237	443	371	4,375	
Criminal Applications	543	135	117	77	12	4	19	602	
Criminal Miscellaneous Applications	4	-	4	8	-	-	4	8	
Criminal References	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	
Criminal Taxation Applications	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	
Execution Miscellaneous Applications	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	
Total	4,451	749	879	848	249	448	397	4,987	



Performance of the Mediation Registry

Case Category	Brought Forward	Registered		Completed		Pending		End 2025
	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	
Year	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2025
Mediation Causes	262	89	245	317	60	145	333	251
Total	262	89	245	317	60	145	333	251



SESSIONS HELD

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ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2025

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Increased
number of
Justices

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Transition
to
paperless

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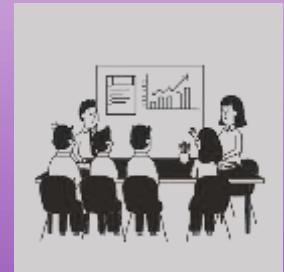
Retreats for
the Justices

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Stakeholders
engagements

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Justices
weekly
meetings



ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2025



Increased
number of
Justices

Strategic expansion
of the judicial **bench**
to address caseload
growth and reduce
pending matters

Transition to
paperless

Retreats for the
Justices

Stakeholders
engagements

Justices weekly
meetings

ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2025

Increased number of Justices



Transition to paperless

Digital transformation initiative improving efficiency, accessibility, and environmental sustainability

Retreats for the Justices

Stakeholders engagements

Justices weekly meetings



ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

2025

Increased
number of
Justices

Transition to
paperless



Retreats for the
Justices

Capacity-building
sessions fostering
judicial excellence,
knowledge exchange,
and strategic planning

Stakeholders
engagements

Justices weekly
meetings



ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

2025

**Increased
number of
Justices**

**Transition to
paperless**

**Retreats for the
Justices**



**Stakeholders
engagements**

Enhanced
partnerships with bar
associations,
government agencies,
and civil society
organizations

**Justices weekly
meetings**



ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

2025

Increased
number of
Justices

Transition to
paperless

Retreats for the
Justices

Stakeholders
engagements

Justices weekly
meetings

Regular judicial
consultations
ensuring
consistency,
coordination, and
continuous
improvement



CHALLENGES

1. Inadequate Resources

- Human Resources



2. Incomplete Court Records

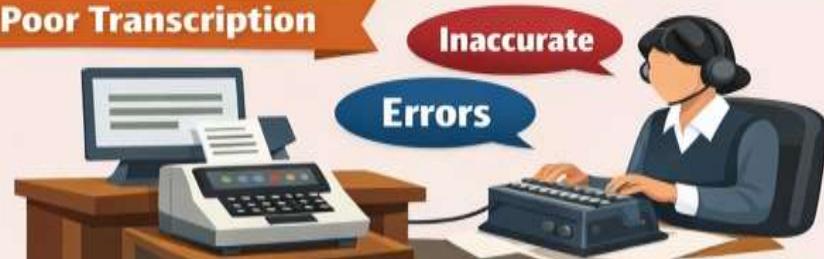
MISSING DOCUMENTS



3. Poor Transcription

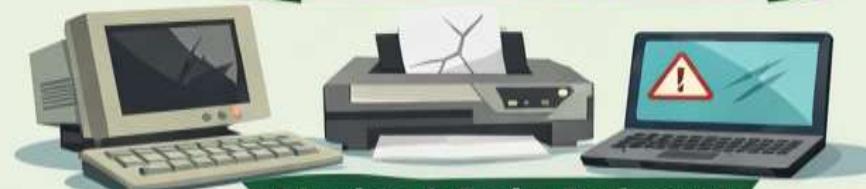
Inaccurate

Errors



4. Outdated Equipment

Obsolete & Faulty Equipment



5. Need for Training

ECCMIS
& Skills Training

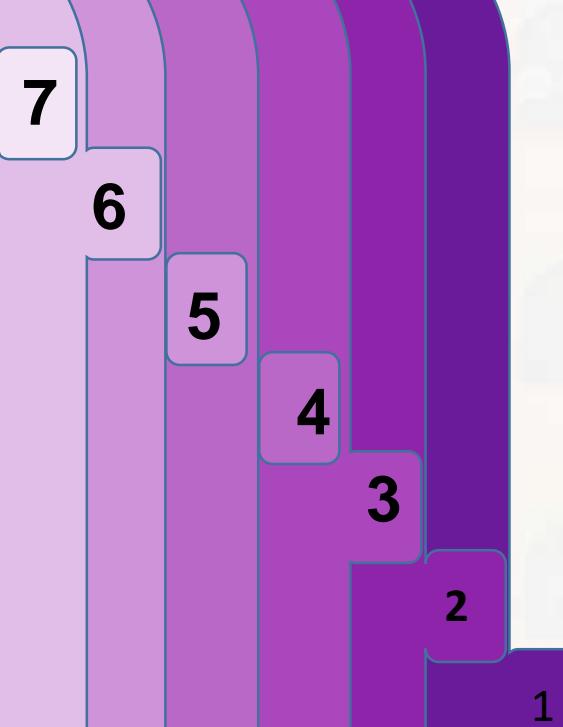


6. Poorly Equipped Library

Outdated Materials



Recommendations



Need to fill the Court of Appeal Human Resource Structure

There is need to Appoint/Recruit the approved Human resource for the court both Judicial and non-Judicial staff.



Recommendations

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Recommendations

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Need to increase the Funding of the Court

The funding of the Court should be improved for the Court to be able to carry out the activities planned for the year.



Recommendations

Certification of lower Court records

Registrars certifying lower Court records should endeavour to send complete Court records to the Court of Appeal/ Constitutional Court.



Recommendations

Continuous tracing of missing files/ records

The task Force earlier constituted by the Hon Principle Judge to trace and retrieve missing records from the High Court should be maintained and should make periodic reports on missing files/ records.



Recommendations

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Purchase of new ICT equipment

The Court needs new ICT equipment, e.g. Desktop computers, Laptops and printers.

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Recommendations

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Continuous on-job training

There is need for continuous on-job training for Court Judicial and non-Judicial staff.

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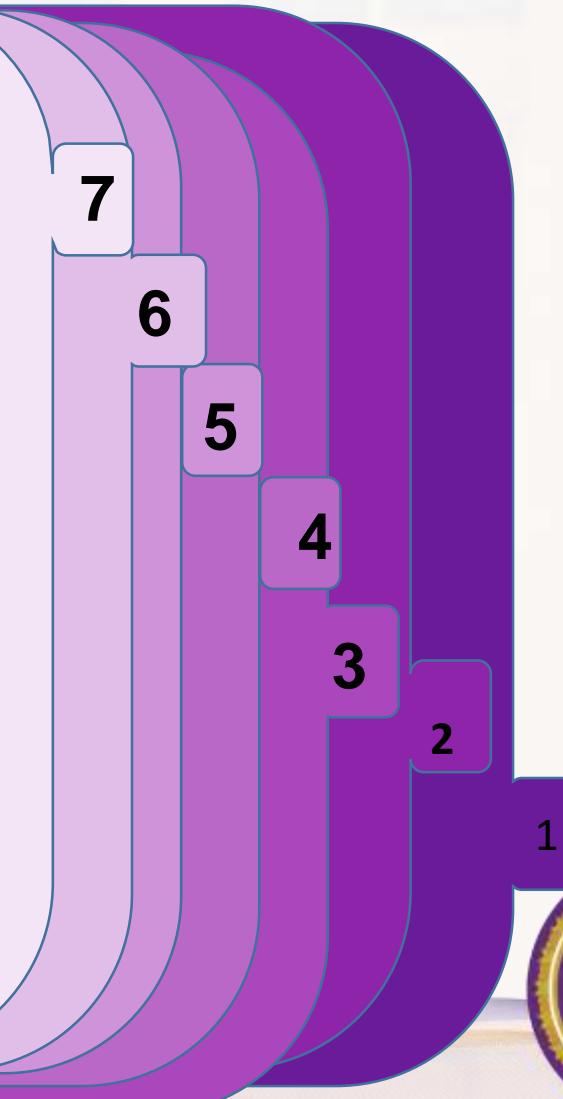
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Recommendations

Purchase of current reference materials

Current reading materials need to be secured and stocked in the library for reference purposes.





Notable New Justices

We welcomed 8 New Justices raising our numbers to 20 Justices of Appeal for the first time



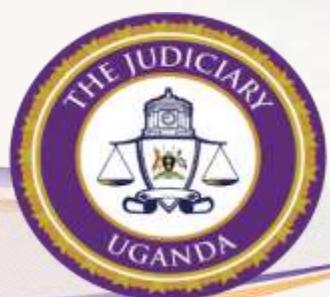


NOTABLE FAREWELLS

The Hon Mr Justice
Richard Buteera (DCJ
Emeritus)

And

The Hon Dr Flavian
Zeija (DCJ now CJ)





**FROM TEAM COURT OF APPEAL AND
CONSTITUTIONAL
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION**

