

# **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.

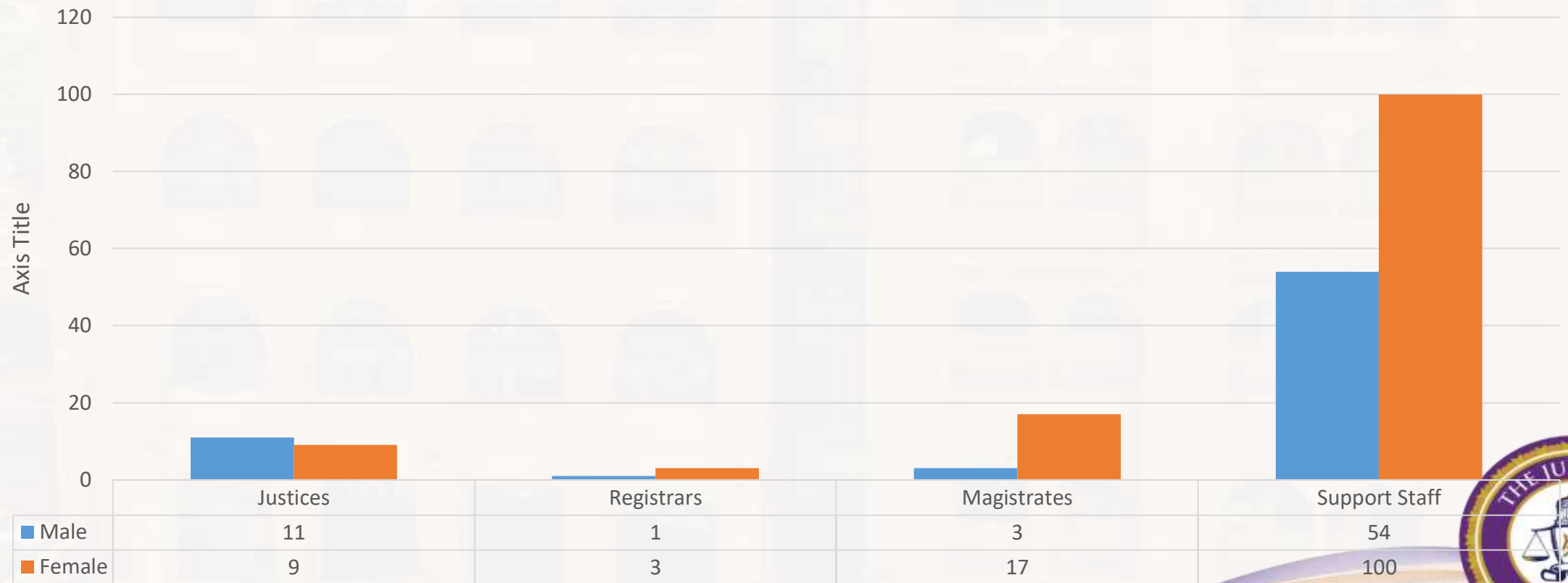
## Constitutional Court

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-instated	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,703</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3,405</b>	<b>2,253</b>	<b>13,908</b>



# 2025 Annual Summary

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**3,405**

**Cases Registered**

**2,253**

**Cases Completed**

**13,908**

**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
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	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,775</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>8,228</b>





# Performance of the Constitutional Court Registry

Case Category	Brought Forward	Registered			Completed			Pending
Year	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	End 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>126</b>



# Performance of the Criminal Registry

Case Category	Brought Forward	Registered			Completed			Pending
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	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,451</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>4,987</b>





# Performance of the Mediation Registry

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



# SESSIONS HELD

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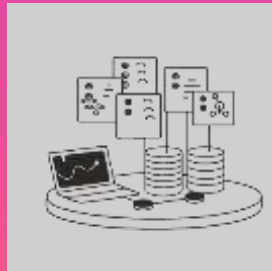
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Increased  
number of  
Justices

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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



# ACHIVEMENTS 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

# ACHIVEMENTS 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**

# ACHIVEMENTS 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



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Increased  
number of  
Justices

Transition to  
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Retreats for the  
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Stakeholders  
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Enhanced  
partnerships with bar  
associations,  
government agencies,  
and civil society  
organizations

Justices weekly  
meetings

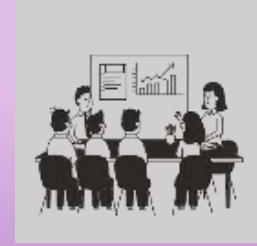
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Increased  
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Transition to  
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Retreats for the  
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Stakeholders  
engagements



Justices weekly  
meetings

Regular judicial  
consultations  
ensuring  
consistency,  
coordination, and  
continuous  
improvement

# CHALLENGES

## 1. Inadequate Resources

• Human Resources —



• Financial Resources —



## 2. Incomplete Court Records



## 3. Poor Transcription



## 4. Outdated Equipment



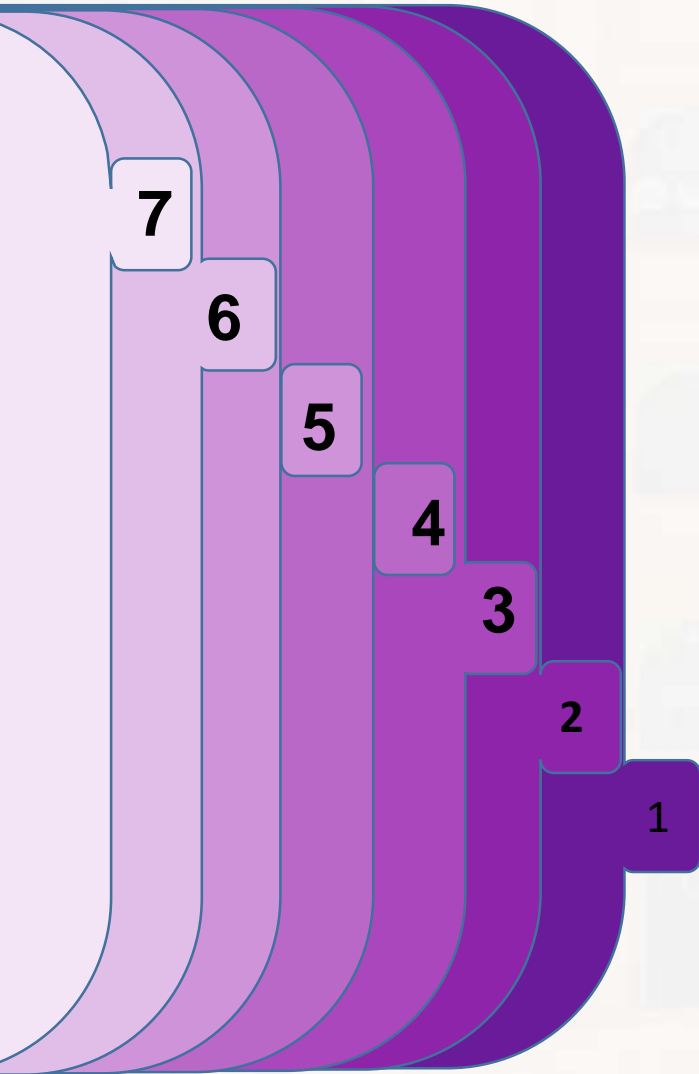
## 5. Need for Training



## 6. Poorly Equipped Library



# 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.

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## **Certification of lower Court records**

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

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## **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.

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# 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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# Recommendations

## Purchase of current reference materials

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

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**WELCOME  
TO THE TEAM**

## 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**

