



## Court Performance

### Registry

The Registry continued apace in the throes of a pandemic to provide administrative support for the judicial activities of the Court. This department is led by the Registrar and Chief Marshal, who is supported by:

Deputy Registrar and Marshal

Registry Supervisor

Case Management Officers <sup>(2)</sup>

Court Support Officer

Judicial Counsel <sup>(5)</sup>

Administrative Officers (Judicial) <sup>(5)</sup>

The Administrative Officers (Judicial) and the Judicial Counsel work closely and collaboratively with the President and Judges.



### Type of Sitting

### Number of Sittings

Case Management Conference

5

Hearing

19

Judgment Delivery

15

Total

39

For the period under review, 1 August 2021 - 31 July 2022, the Court sat 39 times. These sittings comprised five case management conferences (CMCs), 19 hearings, and 15 judgment deliveries.

## Appellate Jurisdiction

New Matters		
Type of Matter	2021/2022	2020/2021
Application for Special Leave	14	21
Notice of Appeal	14	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>41</b>

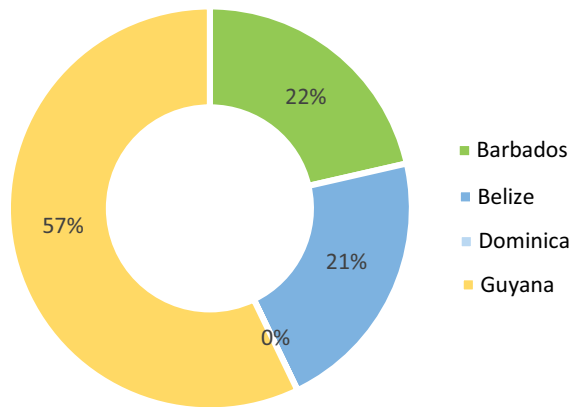
Cases Filed by Jurisdiction		
Country	2021/2022	2020/2021
Barbados	6	15
Belize	6	4
Dominica	0	3
Guyana	16	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>41</b>

There was a 32% decrease in new matters filed for the reporting period of 1 August 2021 - 31 July 2022 compared to the previous year with six cases from Barbados, six cases from Belize, and 16 cases from Guyana. There were no new cases from Dominica. Fifty-seven percent of the matters were civil, while 43% were criminal.

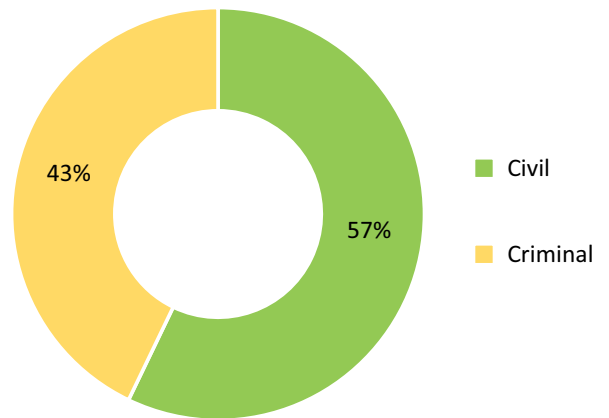


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### Cases filed by country



### Case type

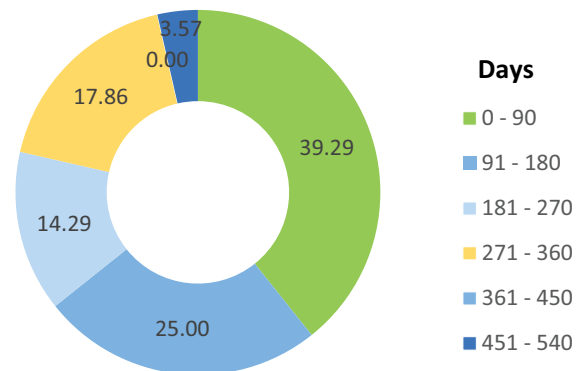


## Time to Disposition

Of all the matters disposed within the reporting period, 64% of these were completed within six months of filing.

### Time to Disposition

Time to Disposition		
Number of Days	Number of Cases Disposed	Cases Disposed (%)
0 - 90	11	39.29
91 - 180	7	25.00
181 - 270	4	14.29
271 - 360	5	17.86
361 - 450	0	0.00
451 - 540	1	3.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>100</b>



### Summary of Disposition

Number of Days	Cumulative Number of Cases Disposed	Cumulative (%)
0 - 180	18	64.29
0 - 360	27	96.43
0 - 540	28	100

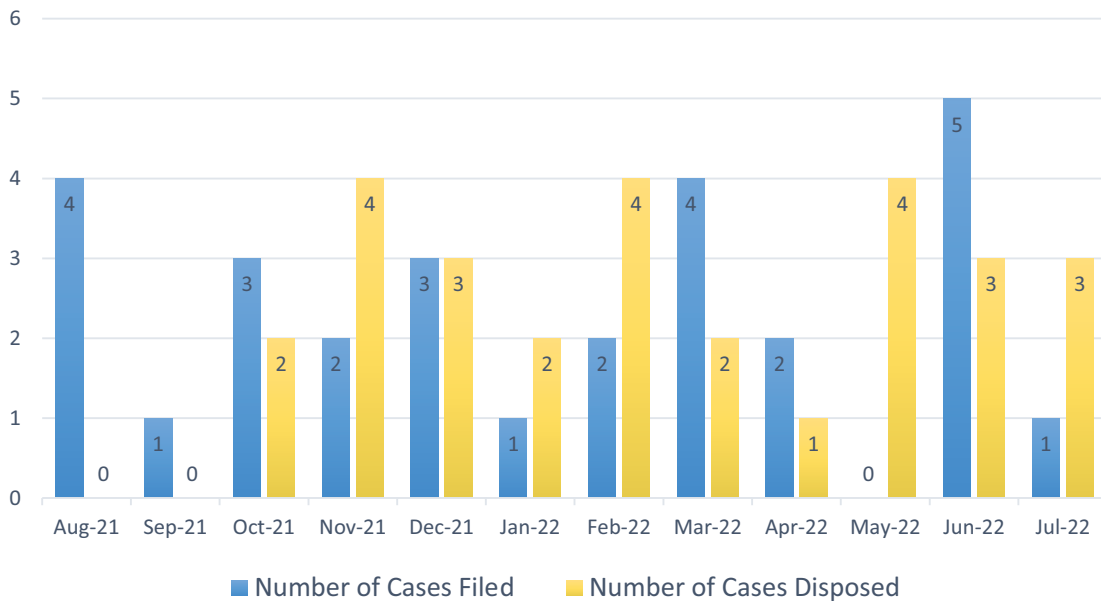


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### Clearance Rate

The clearance rate for matters filed is 100% for disposed matters against new matters. Disposals were evenly spread, following the opening of the 2021/2022 Court term.

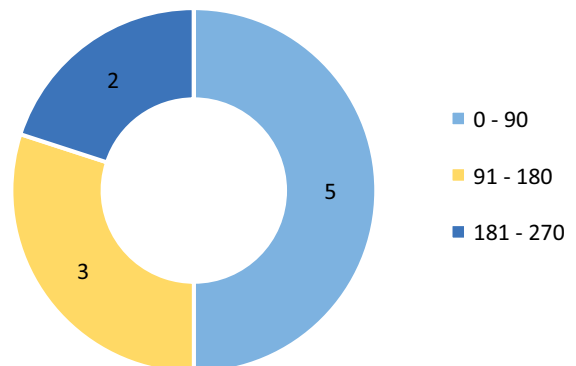
### Clearance Rates



### Age of Active Pending Caseload

Days	Number of Cases
0 - 90	5
91 - 180	3
181 - 270	2
271 - 360	0
361 - 450	0
451 - 540	0
Exceeding 540	0

### Time to Disposition





## Court Performance *(continued)*

As with previous years, the Court adjudicated on many novel matters. One such matter was the Barbadian case BBCR2021/002 Commissioner of Police v Stephen Alleyne, where the Court reversed the notion that a man could not legally rape another man. Stephen Alleyne was charged with the offence of rape contrary to the Sexual Offences Act (The Act). Prior to the commencement of the evidence in his trial, he was discharged by the Magistrate after hearing submissions that the charge alleged that he had sexual intercourse with another man without his consent. The Magistrate decided that the crime of rape (section 31) did not extend to anal intercourse between men. On appeal by the Commissioner of Police, the majority in the Court of Appeal agreed with the Magistrate's decision. The Commissioner of Police appealed to the CCJ. The Court found that on a correct interpretation of section 3(1), a man can be charged for the rape of another man. The Act uses gender-neutral language and extends the definition of rape to include anal penetration. The Court found that considering the literal meaning of the words used in the Act, their context, and comparable legislation, any person, male or female, can be the offender or victim of rape.

## Original Jurisdiction

Country of Origin	2021/2022	2020/2021
Antigua and Barbuda	1	1
Belize	0	1
Trinidad and Tobago	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

There was a 75% decrease in new matters filed for the reporting period of 1 August 2021 - 31 July 2022 compared to the previous year.