



HIGH COURT OF NAMIBIA
NORTHERN LOCAL
DIVISION

2024 LEGAL YEAR REPORT

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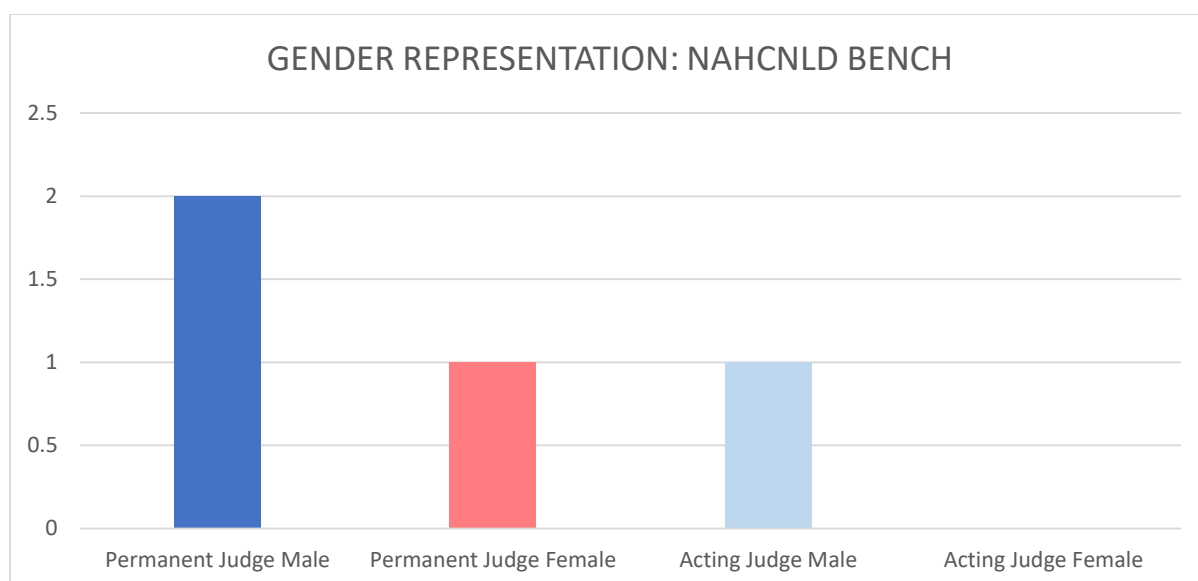
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NORTHERN LOCAL DIVISION BENCH & STAFF

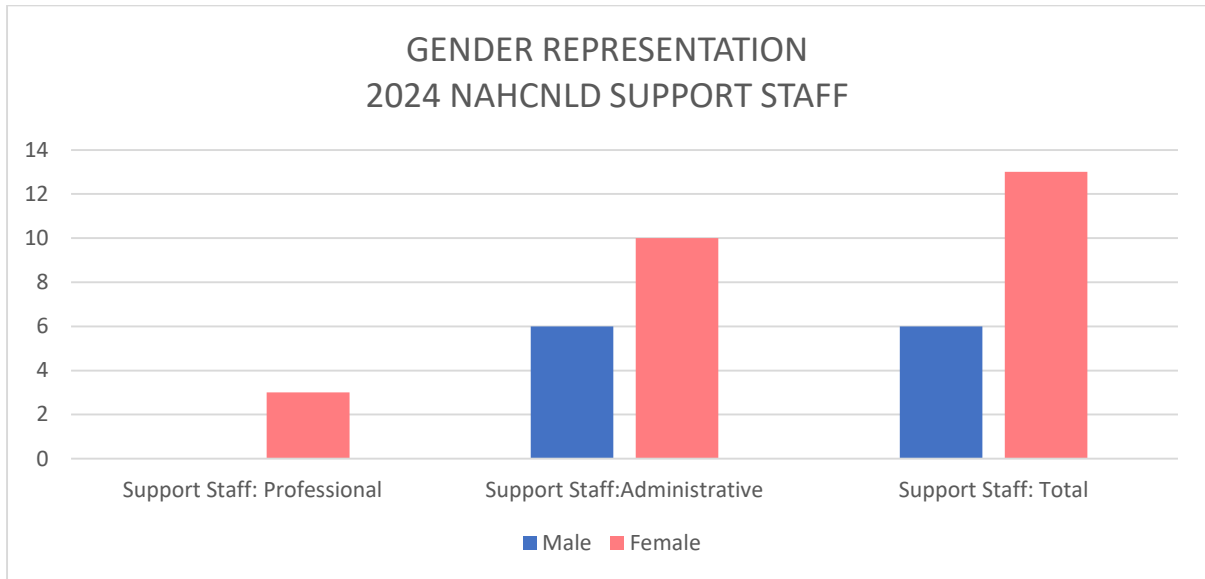
As per Article 78 of the Namibian Constitution, the High Court holds original jurisdiction to preside over civil disputes, criminal prosecutions, and appeals originating from lower courts. The Judge-President, appointed in accordance with Article 80 of the constitution, serves as the head of the High Court and is assisted by the deputy judge president. Additional judges for the High Court are appointed by the President based on recommendations from the Judicial Service Commission (JSC).

This year, the High Court, Northern Local Division bench comprised three permanent judges and 0 acting judges. The acting judge was appointed during previous Legal Years to provide support to the permanent judges and returned to finalize the partly heard matters with which he was seized. Two of the three active judges in the High Court, Northern Local Division were assigned to the criminal stream.



The Northern Local Division had, in addition to the bench, a total of 19 support staff members, of which three are professional staff, who are appointed as legal officers. The remaining 16 staff members include administrative officers, legal clerks, secretaries, interpreters, cleaners, messengers and drivers. 68% of the total staff compliments at the Northern Local Division are female.

The ratio between the bench compliment and the staff compliment is more or less 3:1¹.



¹ Refer to Annexure "A" for a breakdown

NORTHERN LOCAL DIVISION CIVIL STREAM

The High Court's civil stream consists of both civil and labour cases and is further divided into two types, namely Residual Court cases and cases subjected to Judicial Case Management (JCM). All judges in the civil stream deal with both Action and Motion Cases.

The High Court's civil stream handles a wide range of cases, including civil and labour disputes. These cases can involve various legal issues, such as Constitutional challenges, contract disputes, property rights, employment matters, and more.

Within the civil stream, there are two types of cases: Residual Court cases and cases subjected to Judicial Case Management (JCM). Residual Court cases typically involve matters that are unopposed. These cases are managed and heard by judges in the civil stream.

On the other hand, cases that are subjected to Judicial Case Management (JCM) undergo a specialised case management process. JCM is designed to streamline the litigation process, promote efficiency, and ensure that cases are resolved in a timely manner. It involves active judicial involvement in managing the case, including setting timelines, conducting case management conferences, and encouraging settlement discussions.

NUMBER OF CASES

The High Court Northern Local Division during 2024 issued 28 substantive civil and labour applications and reviews, of which 3 were brought as urgent applications, and 447 summonses. Included in the applications issued, 5 were for admission as legal practitioner. In addition, a total of 0 new civil appeals and 11 new labour appeals were registered. The High Court's electronic case management system that gives access to court services online continues to contribute towards the High Court's endeavours to provide access to justice for all.²

² Refer to Annexure "B" for a breakdown

RESIDUAL COURT

The residual court roll consists of unopposed or undefended matters, including default judgments, Rule 108 applications, divorces, etc. A total number of 650 matters were enrolled for the 2024 Legal Year³.

JUDICIAL CASE MANAGEMENT

The Judicial Case Management system plays a significant role in expediting and efficiently resolving legal matters. During the 2024 legal year, the judge in the civil stream successfully managed approximately 401 cases. Despite the demanding nature of JCM, the judge performed admirably, evidenced by the timely delivery of judgments and the overall number of civil cases successfully concluded.

On 1 January 2024, a total number of 253 cases subjected to JCM were brought forward from the previous legal years. An additional 148 matters became subjected to JCM during the 2024 Legal Year. The judge managed to finalise 191 cases on the JCM roll. This amounts to a finalisation figure of 47.6%. 210 matters are carried over to the 2025 JCM roll.⁴

DISPOSAL RATE OF CASES

The High Court Northern Local Division finalised a total of 452 civil and labour cases during 2024, which represents 53% of the 860 matters dealt with in the 2024 legal year. 307 of the 452 matters finalised were finalised within the prescribed disposal benchmarks. The on-time disposal rate of this legal year was therefore 68%⁵.

JUDGMENT DELIVERY

During the 2024 Legal Year, a total of 31 reasoned judgments and/or rulings, were delivered in the civil stream. 25 judgments of the 27 judgments were delivered within the prescribed timelines, which amounts to a 93% on-time delivery of judgments.⁶

³ Refer to Annexure "C" for a breakdown

⁴ Refer to Annexure "D" for a breakdown

⁵ See Annexure "I" for the breakdown of statistics

⁶ Refer to Annexure "E" for a breakdown

MEDIATIONS

The High Court's Mediation Initiative remains a remarkable achievement, largely attributed to the collaborative efforts of all parties involved. This endeavour continues to bring several benefits, including an expansion of the pool of professionals capable of facilitating successful mediations and an increase in the participation of experts from various fields, such as medical professionals, quantity surveyors, architects and psychologists, further enhancing the effectiveness and diversity of the mediation process.

We ended the Legal Year for mediations on 13 December 2024 and recorded a total of 91 mediations scheduled for the 2024 legal year of which 10 were cancelled, 47 were successful and 34 failed. 51.6% of all mediations were thus successful.

Although the revenue expense in respect of the 2024 Mediations amounted to N\$353 973, the success rate depicted above, amounted to a saving of at least N\$ 18 800 000.00.⁷ In the hands of the various High Court litigants and 188⁸ court days for the bench.

⁷ Calculated on an average of 4 court days and 2 parties per case at N\$50 000.00/party/court day

⁸ Calculated on an average of 4 court days per case

NORTHERN LOCAL DIVISION CRIMINAL STREAM

INDICTMENT CASES

A total of 54 indictment cases were carried over from the previous Legal Year (2023), and 24 new indictments were received and officially recorded during the Legal Year (2024) under scrutiny. Out of these cases, the Court successfully concluded 26, which accounts for approximately 29.5 % of the total⁹.

The cases finalised during the 2024 Legal Year had the following outcomes:

- 22 matters guilty and sentenced.
- 1 acquitted
- 3 matters were struck and/or removed from the roll
- 0 withdrawn

Within the indictment cases, one or more of the charges in 21 matters finalised during 2024 related to crimes of violence against women and/or children, 4 matters had one or more charges involving dishonesty and 3 of those cases had charges relating to both crimes of violence against women and crimes of dishonesty. 2 matter of the finalised matters relate to human trafficking and 1 related to Anti-Money Laundering.

52 cases are brought forward to the 2025 court roll, of which 20 are enrolled for continuation of trial, 12 for plea & trial; and 22 are on the mentions or criminal case management roll. Five of the matters brought forward to the 2025 roll are matters where the arrests are pending in respect of accused persons who absconded.

The matters brought forward on the 2025 roll comprises of cases with one or more charges of crimes relating to:

- violence against women & children and crimes of dishonesty - 8 cases;

⁹ See Annexure "G" for breakdown of statistics

- violence against women & children only- 42 cases;
 - crimes of dishonesty only - 14 cases;
 - Human trafficking / kidnapping and violence against women & children - 6 cases;
- Anti-money Laundering and Financial Crime Offences - 1 cases.

CRIMINAL APPEALS

During the 2024 Legal Year, 58 new criminal appeals were registered, of which 13 were finalised during the same period. The finalisation figure amounts to 24 %¹⁰.

CRIMINAL REVIEWS

The Northern Local Division received 997 new criminal reviews from the Magistrates Courts of which 891 were finalised by the end of the 2024¹¹. The finalised reviews amount to 89 % of all reviews received.¹²

CRIMINAL STREAM JUDGMENTS AND RULINGS

During the 2024 Legal Year, the Criminal Stream Bench at the Northern Local Division delivered 43 reasoned judgments/rulings in indictment cases, 15 reasoned judgments/rulings in criminal appeal matters and 66 criminal review judgments¹³. The on-time delivery rate for 2024 was 77 %.

Total number of judgments delivered

Criminal Indictment case 43

Judgments / Rulings

Criminal Appeal Judgments 15

Criminal Review Judgments 66

Total number of judgments delivered within the prescribed time periods

Criminal Indictment case 34

Judgments

¹⁰ See Annexure "G" for breakdown of statistics

¹¹ See Annexure "G" for breakdown of statistics

¹² See Annexure "I" for breakdown of statistics

¹³ Refer to Annexure "H" for breakdown of individual Judges' judgment delivery

Criminal Appeal Judgments 14

Criminal Review Judgments 47

% On-time delivery of 77 %
judgments and rulings

2024 ACHIEVEMENTS

During the 2024 Legal Year, the High Court Northern Local Division managed to achieve the following:

1. In keeping with the overriding objectives of the rules of court, the 2024 legal year saw the timely delivery of judgments and finalisation of cases within the stipulated timelines despite the shortage in bench and staff compliment.
2. The Court has maintained an impressive standard by issuing court processes within 24 hours of submission, regardless of the volume of requests received on any given day. This efficiency underscores the court's dedication to responsiveness and accessibility.
3. The division successfully implemented in-house training programs for staff members, equipping them to provide service bureau support to lay litigants. This initiative enhances the assistance available to individuals navigating the legal system without formal representation.

CHALLENGES FACED DURING THE YEAR

2024

- 1. Staff Shortages:** The Northern Local Division is grappling with a significant shortage of both professional and administrative staff. This lack of personnel not only hampers effective lines of reporting but also leads to delays in the timely completion of essential duties. The ramifications of this shortage are felt across various operational aspects, undermining efficiency and service delivery.
- 2. High Turnover Rates:** The division experiences a troubling trend of high staff turnover, particularly in management roles. Newly appointed individuals frequently resign to return to Windhoek, resulting in a continual disruption of leadership and continuity within the division. This instability poses a significant challenge to maintaining effective management and oversight.
- 3. Management Vacancies:** The persistent vacancies in critical management positions have created a vacuum in supervision. With key leadership roles unfilled, the division struggles to provide adequate guidance and support to staff, further exacerbating operational challenges and contributing to a disorganized work environment.
- 4. Demotivated Staff:** The absence of visible leadership at the duty station has resulted in widespread demotivation among staff. Without clear guidance and support from management, employees may feel undervalued and disconnected, which can adversely affect both productivity and morale.
- 5. Judicial Bench Challenges:** The staffing issues extend to the judicial bench, where a shortage of judges poses serious challenges. With only two criminal judges available, the division faces a significant bottleneck: if one judge is occupied with a state leave to appeal, the remaining judge must manage not only the main appeal but also hear the matter with the single civil judge who is already overwhelmed with a backlog of civil cases. This situation compromises the division's ability to deliver timely justice.
- 6. Limited Professional Support:** In 2024, the division has only managed to retain two professional support staff. This shortage creates a strenuous working environment, increasing the pressure on both the judges and the staff. The limited support hampers their ability to perform efficiently, ultimately affecting the overall functioning of the court.
- 7. Interpreting Services:** The division faces significant challenges in securing adequate interpreting services, with only two permanently employed interpreters available. Efforts to engage casual interpreters have been met with difficulties, as many are unwilling to accept the low compensation offered at the High Court, which is in line with the treasury instructions. This shortage not only delays court proceedings but also creates a risk of inadequate communication during hearings, further complicating the administration of justice.

These challenges collectively underscore the urgent need for strategic interventions to enhance staffing, improve morale, and ensure the efficient functioning of the Namibia High Court Northern Local Division.

ANNEXURES

ANNEXURE “A”: BENCH & STAFF

2024 Legal Year

Bench Compliment	Heads of Court <i>(Stationed at Main Division)</i>	2	
		Judge President	1
		Deputy Judge President	1
	Judges	3	
		Criminal Stream	2
		Civil Stream	1
	Acting Judges	13	
Criminal Stream		1	
Civil Stream		0	
Staff Compliment	Professional	3	
		Management & Mid Management ¹⁴	1
		Additional Professional Support Staff ¹⁵	2
	Administrative	13	
Administrative Support Staff ¹⁶		13	

¹⁴ Includes Chief Legal Officer

¹⁵ Senior Legal Officers (admitted as Legal Practitioners)

¹⁶ Includes Private Secretaries, Interpreters, Legal Clerks, Administrative Officers, Cleaners, Drivers, Messengers

ANNEXURE “B”: NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES

2024 Legal Year

Motions & Reviews Summary	Urgent applications	
	<i>Number of Substantive applications issued as urgent applications brought forward from previous year (civil)</i>	5
	<i>Number of Substantive applications issued as urgent applications brought forward from previous year (labour)</i>	0
	<i>Number Substantive applications issued as urgent applications brought forward from previous years but finalised during 2024 (civil)</i>	5
	<i>Number Substantive applications issued as urgent applications brought forward from previous years but finalised during 2024 (labour)</i>	0
	<i>Number of Substantive Urgent applications issued (civil)</i>	3
	<i>Number of Substantive Urgent applications issued (labour)</i>	0
	<i>Number new Substantive Urgent applications finalised (civil)</i>	1
	<i>Number new Substantive Urgent applications finalised (labour)</i>	0
	All inclusive Motion and Review Summary (civil and labour)	
	Nr of Substantive Motions / Reviews brought forward from previous years (including urgent applications)	31
	Number of Substantive motions / reviews brought forward finalised (Residual & JCM Cases) (including urgent applications)	19
	Number of Substantive motions/ reviews brought forward finalised within the prescribed time period	3

	finalised (Residual & JCM Cases) (including urgent applications)	
	% Substantive Motions / Reviews brought forward finalised within the prescribed time period (6 months) (including urgent applications)	16%
	Number of new Substantive motions / reviews registered (including urgent applications)	22
	Number of new Substantive motions / reviews finalised (Residual & JCM Cases) (including urgent applications)	5
	Number of new Substantive motions reviews finalised within the prescribed time period finalised (Residual & JCM Cases) (including urgent applications)	4
	% New Substantive Motions / Reviews finalised within the prescribed time period (6 months) (including urgent applications)	80 %
	% Total (new and brought forward) Substantive Motions / Reviews finalised within the prescribed time period (6 months) (including urgent applications)	29%

Actions Summary	Nr of actions brought forward from previous years	338
	Number of actions brought forward finalised (Residual & JCM Cases)	237
	Number of actions brought forward finalised within the prescribed time period finalised (Residual & JCM Cases)	124
	% actions brought forward finalised within the prescribed time period (12 months & matrimonial 8 months)	52 %
	Number of new actions registered	447

	Number of new actions finalised (Residual & JCM Cases)	178
	Number of new actions finalised within the prescribed time period finalised (Residual & JCM Cases)	177
	% new actions finalised within the prescribed time period (12 months & matrimonial 8 months)	99 %
	Total % (new & brought forward) actions finalised within the prescribed time period (12 months & matrimonial 8 months)	73 %

Appeals		
	<i>Number of Civil Appeals brought forward from previous years</i>	0
	<i>Number of Civil Appeals registered</i>	0
	<i>Number of Labour Appeals brought forward from previous years</i>	6
	<i>Number of Labour Appeals registered</i>	11
	<i>Number of Civil Appeals finalised, incl appeals from previous years</i>	0
	<i>Number of Labour Appeals finalised, incl appeals from previous years</i>	5
Applications for Admission Legal Practitioner		
	<i>Number of applications brought forward from previous year</i>	0
	<i>Number of applications registered</i>	5
	<i>Number of admission orders granted</i>	2
	<i>Number of applications withdrawn</i>	2
	<i>Number of cases carried to 2025</i>	1

ANNEXURE “C₁”: RESIDUAL COURT SESSIONS

2024 Legal Year

Residual Court	Number of motion court sessions	163
	<i>First Motion</i>	39
	<i>Second Motion – Default Judgment</i>	37
	<i>Second Motion – Rule 108</i>	41
	<i>Undefended Matrimonial Court</i>	46

ANNEXURE “C₂”: RESIDUAL COURT CASE ENROLLMENT

2024 Legal Year

Residual Court	Total Number of cases enrolled	650
	<i>First Motion</i>	68
	<i>Second Motion – Default Judgment</i>	83
	<i>Second Motion – Rule 108</i>	9
	<i>Undefended Matrimonial Court</i>	490

First Motion Court

	Division	Residual Roll Type	Judge	Date	Nr Of Cases Enrolled
1.	High Court Northern Local Division	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	09/12/2024	1
2.	High Court Northern Local Division	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	02/12/2024	3
3.	High Court Northern Local Division	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	25/11/2024	0
4.	High Court Northern Local Division	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	18/11/2024	5
5.	High Court Northern Local Division	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	11/11/2024	0
6.	High Court Northern Local Division	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	04/11/2024	3

7.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	28/10/2024	10
8.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	21/10/2024	4
9.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	14/10/2024	4
10.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	07/10/2024	0
11.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	30/09/2024	0
12.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	23/09/2024	4
13.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	16/09/2024	3
14.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	09/09/2024	0
15.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	02/09/2024	2
16.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	12/08/2024 9:00	2
17.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	05/08/2024	2

18.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	29/07/2024	1
19.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	22/07/2024	3
20.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	15/07/2024	1
21.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	08/07/2024	1
22.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	01/07/2024	2
23.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	24/06/2024	0
24.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	17/06/2024	1
25.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	10/06/2024	0
26.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	10/06/2024	0
27.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	03/06/2024	1
28.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	20/05/2024	3

29.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	13/05/2024	2
30.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	06/05/2024	0
31.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	29/04/2024	0
32.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	22/04/2024	2
33.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	08/04/2024	0
34.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	25/03/2024	1
35.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	18/03/2024	3
36.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	11/03/2024	0
37.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	04/03/2024	2
38.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	12/02/2024	1
39.	High Northern Division	Court Local	First Motion Court Roll	David Munsu	05/02/2024	1

Second Motion Court: Default Judgment

	Division	Residual Roll Type	Judge	Date	Nr Of Cases Enrolled
1.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	09/12/2024	1
2.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	02/12/2024	1
3.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	25/11/2024	2
4.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	18/11/2024	3
5.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	11/11/2024	2
6.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	04/11/2024	0
7.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	28/10/2024	1
8.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	21/10/2024	2
9.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	14/10/2024	1

10.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	07/10/2024	2
11.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	30/09/2024	2
12.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	23/09/2024	2
13.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	16/09/2024	1
14.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	09/09/2024	1
15.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	02/09/2024	2
16.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	12/08/2024	5
17.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	05/08/2024	1
18.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	29/07/2024	3
19.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	22/07/2024	6
20.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	15/07/2024	0

21.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	08/07/2024	1
22.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	01/07/2024	3
23.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	24/06/2024	0
24.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	17/06/2024	1
25.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	10/06/2024	1
26.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	03/06/2024	3
27.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	27/05/2024	1
28.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	20/05/2024	3
29.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	13/05/2024	2
30.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	06/05/2024	1
31.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	29/04/2024	0

32.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	22/04/2024	3
33.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	08/04/2024	3
34.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	25/03/2024	9
35.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	04/03/2024	3
36.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	12/02/2024	0
37.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Default Judgements	David Munsu	05/02/2024	11

Second Motion Court: Rule 108

	Division	Residual Roll Type	Judge	Date	Nr Of Cases Enrolled
1.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	09/12/2024	0
2.	High Court Northern Local Division	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	02/12/2024	0

3.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	25/11/2024	0
4.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	18/11/2024	0
5.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	11/11/2024	0
6.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	04/11/2024	0
7.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	28/10/2024	0
8.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	21/10/2024	0
9.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	14/10/2024	0
10.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	07/10/2024	0
11.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	30/09/2024	0
12.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	23/09/2024	0
13.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	16/09/2024	0

14.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	09/09/2024	0
15.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	02/09/2024	1
16.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	12/08/2024	1
17.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	05/08/2024	0
18.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	29/07/2024	0
19.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	22/07/2024	0
20.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	15/07/2024	0
21.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	08/07/2024 9:00	0
22.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	01/07/2024	1
23.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	24/06/2024	0
24.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	17/06/2024	0

25.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	10/06/2024	0
26.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	03/06/2024	0
27.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	27/05/2024	0
28.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	20/05/2024	0
29.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	13/05/2024	1
30.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	06/05/2024	0
31.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	29/04/2024	0
32.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	22/04/2024	1
33.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	08/04/2024	0
34.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	25/03/2024	0
35.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	18/03/2024	2

36.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	11/03/2024	1
37.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	12/02/2024	0
38.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	05/02/2024	0
39.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	05/02/2024	0
40.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	29/01/2024	1
41.	High Northern Division	Court Local	Second Motion Court Roll: Rule 108 Application	David Munsu	22/01/2024	0

Undefended Matrimonial Court Roll

	Division		Residual Roll Type	Judge	Date	NR of cases enrolled
1.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	09/12/2024	14
2.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	02/12/2024	0
3.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	25/11/2024	7

4.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	18/11/2024	22
5.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	11/11/2024	18
6.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	04/11/2024	5
7.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	28/10/2024	13
8.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	21/10/2024	19
9.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	14/10/2024	2
10.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	07/10/2024	12
11.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	30/09/2024	24
12.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	23/09/2024	2
13.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	16/09/2024	11
14.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	09/09/2024	14

15.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	02/09/2024	23
16.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	12/08/2024	24
17.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	05/08/2024	2
18.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	29/07/2024	10
19.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	22/07/2024	24
20.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	15/07/2024	7
21.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	08/07/2024	8
22.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	01/07/2024	9
23.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	24/06/2024	10
24.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	17/06/2024	13
25.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	10/06/2024	1

26.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	03/06/2024	21
27.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	27/05/2024	1
28.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	27/05/2024	4
29.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	20/05/2024	10
30.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	13/05/2024	1
31.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	06/05/2024	3
32.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	29/04/2024	5
33.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	22/04/2024	20
34.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	15/04/2024	5
35.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	08/04/2024	19
36.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	25/03/2024	10

37.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	18/03/2024	3
38.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	18/03/2024	1
39.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	11/03/2024	13
40.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	04/03/2024	4
41.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	12/02/2024	24
42.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	05/02/2024	10
43.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	05/02/2024	2
44.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	29/01/2024	11
45.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	29/01/2024	1
46.	High Northern Division	Court Local	MD Undefended Matrimonial Roll	David Munsu	22/01/2024	28

ANNEXURE “D”: JUDICIAL CASE MANAGEMENT BREAK DOWN

2024 Legal Year

Civil Stream (including Labour): Judicial Case Management	Motions, Reviews & Actions	Number of JCM cases assigned and managed					
		<i>No. of cases brought forward from previous year reflected on 1 Jan 2023</i>	<i>No. of new cases assigned</i>	<i>No. of cases transferred to other judges</i>	<i>No. of cases transferred from other judges accepted</i>	<i>No. of cases finalised</i>	<i>No. of cases active on JCM roll as reflected on 31 December 2023</i>
	<i>Salionga J</i>						
	<i>Munsu J</i>	226	127	0	17	152	201
	<i>Keesslau J</i>						
	<i>Acting, Special Assignments and brought forward from previous years Stint</i>						

ANNEXURE “E”: CIVIL STREAM JUDGMENT DELIVERY BREAKDOWN

2024 Legal Year

Civil Stream (including Labour): Judgments	Judgment Delivery Summary	Total number of judgments delivered		31
		Total number of judgments delivered within the prescribed time periods		25
		% On-time delivery of judgments and rulings		81%
		Individual judgment delivery breakdown		
Judgment Delivery break Down	MUNSU J	<i>Nr of Judgments delivered</i>		29
		<i>Nr of Judgments delivered timely</i>		25
		<i>% On-time delivery</i>		86%
	KESSLAU J	<i>Nr of Judgments delivered</i>		1
		<i>Nr of Judgments delivered timely</i>		0
		<i>% On-time delivery</i>		0%
	SALIONGA J	<i>Nr of Judgments delivered</i>		0
		<i>Nr of Judgments delivered timely</i>		0
		<i>% On-time delivery</i>		0%

ANNEXURE “F”: MEDIATIONS

2024 Legal Year

Civil Stream Mediation (including Labour)	Total Mediations scheduled	91
	Total Mediations cancelled	10
	Total Mediations successful	47
	Total Mediations failed	34
	Percentage mediations successful	51.6%
	Total Revenue spent in respect of Mediators	N\$353 973.00
	Approximate saving in court days	188
	Approximate saving in litigation costs	N\$ 4 700 000

ANNEXURE “G”: CRIMINAL CASE BREAK DOWN

2024 Legal Year

Indictment Summary	<i>Nr of criminal Indictment cases brought forward from previous years</i>		46
	<i>Nr of new Indictment cases registered during 2024</i>		24
	<i>Nr of cases finalised during 2024</i>		27
	<i>% Criminal Indictment cases finalised during 2024</i>		39%
	<i>Nr of part heard matters (including matters set down for judgment or sentence during 2025) at end of 2024</i>		11
	<i>Nr of cases set down for plea and trial during 2025</i>		10
	<i>Nr of cases on mentions roll</i>		20
	<i>Nr of cases on the roll for Status Hearing or Criminal Review Roll</i>		14
Case breakdown	<i>Salionga J JP</i>	<i>Nr of cases b/f</i>	28
		<i>Nr of new cases received</i>	3
		<i>Nr of cases finalised</i>	11
	<i>Kessler J</i>	<i>Nr of cases b/f</i>	16
		<i>Nr of new cases received</i>	3
		<i>Nr of cases finalised</i>	6
	<i>Munsu J</i>	<i>Nr of cases b/f</i>	0
		<i>Nr of new cases received</i>	0
		<i>Nr of cases finalised</i>	0

Small AJ	<i>Nr of cases b/f</i>	2
	<i>Nr of new cases received</i>	0
	<i>Nr of cases finalised</i>	1

Criminal Reviews	<i>Received</i>	997
	<i>Finalised</i>	891
	<i>% Criminal Reviews Finalised</i>	89%

Criminal Appeals	<i>New appeals registered</i>	58
	<i>New appeals Finalised</i>	13
	<i>% New Criminal Appeals Finalised</i>	24%

President's Patients	<i>New discharge applications received</i>	0
	<i>2021 Discharge application re-submitted for judge during 2022</i>	0
	<i>New discharge application queried by judge and returned to PG – Not yet re-submitted</i>	0
	<i>Finalised</i>	0

ANNEXURE “H”: INDIVIDUAL JUDGES’ JUDGMENT DELIVERY IN THE CRIMINAL STREAM
SALIONGA J

CASE TYPE		NR DELIVERED	NR DELIVERED WITHIN PRESCRIBED TIMELINES
Indictment Case	Judgments on Merits in Criminal Case	3	3
	Sentence in Criminal Case	8	3
	Trial-Within-a-Trial	2	1
	Interlocutory Application / Leave to Appeal	2	2
	% On-time Delivery	47%	
Criminal Appeal	Judgments Delivered	6	5
	% On-time Delivery	100%	
Criminal Reviews	Judgments Delivered	21	13
	% On-time Delivery	62%	

KESSLAU J

CASE TYPE		NR DELIVERED	NR DELIVERED WITHIN PRESCRIBED TIMELINES
Indictment Case	Judgments on Merits in Criminal Case	5	5
	Sentence in Criminal Case	6	5
	Trial-Within-a-Trial	2	2
	Interlocutory Application / Leave to Appeal	3	3
	% On-time Delivery	94%	
Criminal Appeal	Judgments Delivered	9	8
	% On-time Delivery	100	
Criminal Reviews	Judgments Delivered	20	13
	% On-time Delivery	65	

MUNSU J

CASE TYPE		NR DELIVERED	NR DELIVERED WITHIN PRESCRIBED TIMELINES
Indictment Case	Judgments on Merits in Criminal Case	0	0
	Sentence in Criminal Case	0	0

	Trial-Within-a-Trial	0	0
	Interlocutory Application / Leave to Appeal	0	0
	% On-time Delivery		
Criminal Appeal	Judgments Delivered	2	2
	% On-time Delivery	100	
Criminal Reviews	Judgments Delivered	3	0
	% On-time Delivery		0

SMALL AJ

CASE TYPE		NR DELIVERED	NR DELIVERED WITHIN PRESCRIBED TIMELINES
Indictment Case	Judgments on Merits in Criminal Case	0	0
	Sentence in Criminal Case	1	1
	Trial-Within-a-Trial	0	0
	Interlocutory Application / Leave to Appeal	1	1
	% On-time Delivery		100

ANNEXURE “I”: COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

HIGH COURT NORTHERN LOCAL DIVISION COMPARATIVE MATRIX		2024
BENCH & SUPPORT STAFF	Permanent Judges	3
	Acting Judges	0
	Support Staff	19
CIVIL & LABOUR MOTIONS & REVIEWS	Number of new Substantive motions / reviews registered (including urgent applications)	62
	Number of new Substantive motions / reviews finalised (Residual & JCM Cases) (including urgent applications)	9
	Number of new Substantive motions reviews finalised within the prescribed time period finalised (Residual & JCM Cases) (including urgent applications)	8
	% New Substantive Motions / Reviews finalised within the prescribed time period (6 months) (including urgent applications)	89
CIVIL ACTIONS	Number of new actions registered	444
	Number of new actions finalised (Residual & JCM Cases)	165
	Number of new actions finalised within the prescribed time period finalised (Residual & JCM Cases)	165
	% new actions finalised within the prescribed time period (12 months & matrimonial 8 months)	100
CIVIL & LABOUR APPEALS	Number of Civil Appeals brought forward from previous years	0
	Number of Civil Appeals registered	0

	Number of Labour Appeals brought forward from previous years	6
	Number of Labour Appeals registered	11
	Number of Civil Appeals finalised, incl appeals from previous years	0
	Number of Labour Appeals finalised, incl appeals from previous years	5
ARBITRATION AWARDS	Labour Arbitration Awards registered in terms of section 87 of the Labour Act	71
RESIDUAL COURT	Number of Motion Court Sessions	112
	Number of Cases enrolled on the residual court rolls	654
CIVIL & LABOUR JUDGMENT DELIVERY	Total number of judgments delivered	29
	Total number of judgments delivered within the prescribed time periods	22
	% On-time delivery of judgments and rulings	76
MEDIATIONS	Total Mediations scheduled	91
	Total Mediations cancelled	9
	Total Mediations successful	42
	Total Mediations failed	27
	Percentage mediations successful	47
	Total Revenue spent in respect of Mediators	
	Approximate saving in court days	

	Approximate saving in litigation costs	
CRIMINAL INDICTMENT CASES	Nr of criminal Indictment cases brought forward from previous years	46
	Nr of new Indictment cases registered during 2024	24
	Nr of cases finalised during 2024	27
	% Criminal Indictment cases finalised during 2024	39
	Nr of part heard matters (including matters set down for judgment or sentence during 2025) at end of 2024	11
	Nr of cases set down for plea and trial during 2024	10
	Nr of cases removed from role due to accused being at large	0
	Nr of cases on mentions roll	21
	Nr of cases on the roll for Status Hearing or Criminal Review Roll	14
	CRIMINAL REVIEWS	Received
Finalised		873
% Criminal Reviews Finalised		88
CRIMINAL APPEALS	New appeals registered	55
	New appeals Finalised	13
	% Criminal Appeals Finalised	24
	New discharge applications received	0

PRESIDENT'S PATIENTS	Discharge application re-submitted for judge	0
	New discharge application queried by judge and returned to PG – Not yet re-submitted	0
	Finalised	0