



THE JUDICIARY OF UGANDA

PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE COURT OF APPEAL / CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

2023

BY THE HON. DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE

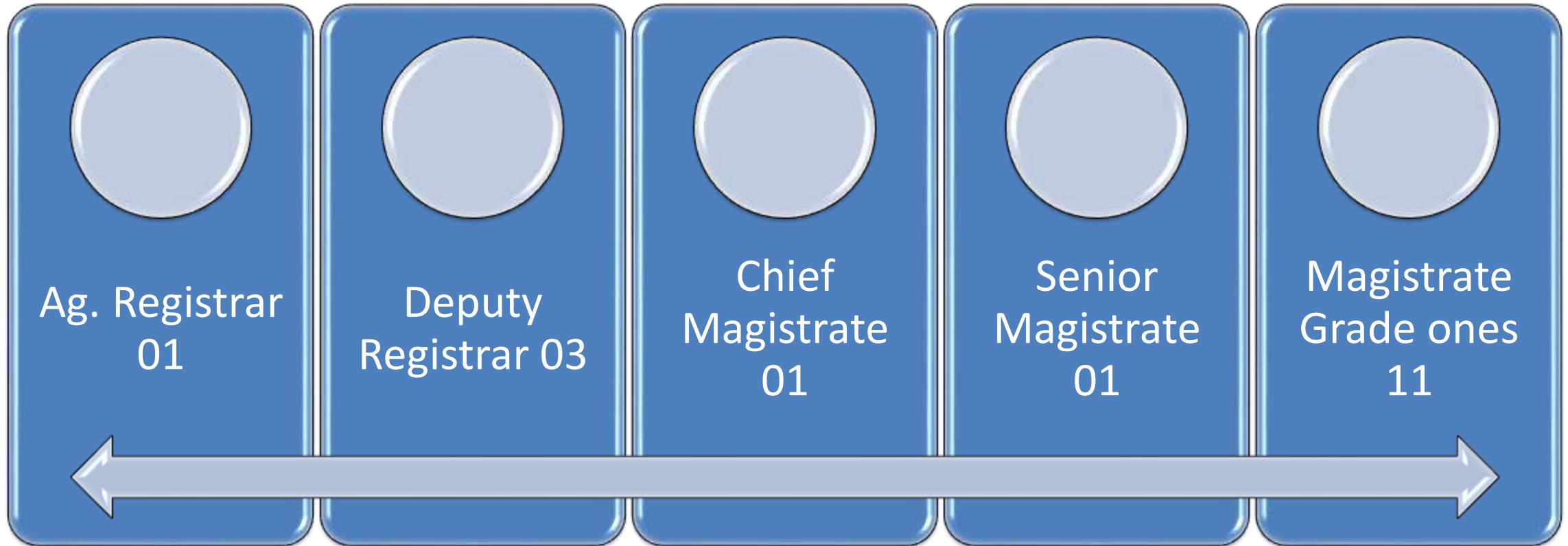
Human Resource

Justices

- At the end of the year 2023 the Court had Twelve (12) Justices.
- One (1) Justice was appointed to the Court of Appeal/Constitutional Court making the current number of the Justices of Appeal/Constitutional Court thirteen (13).

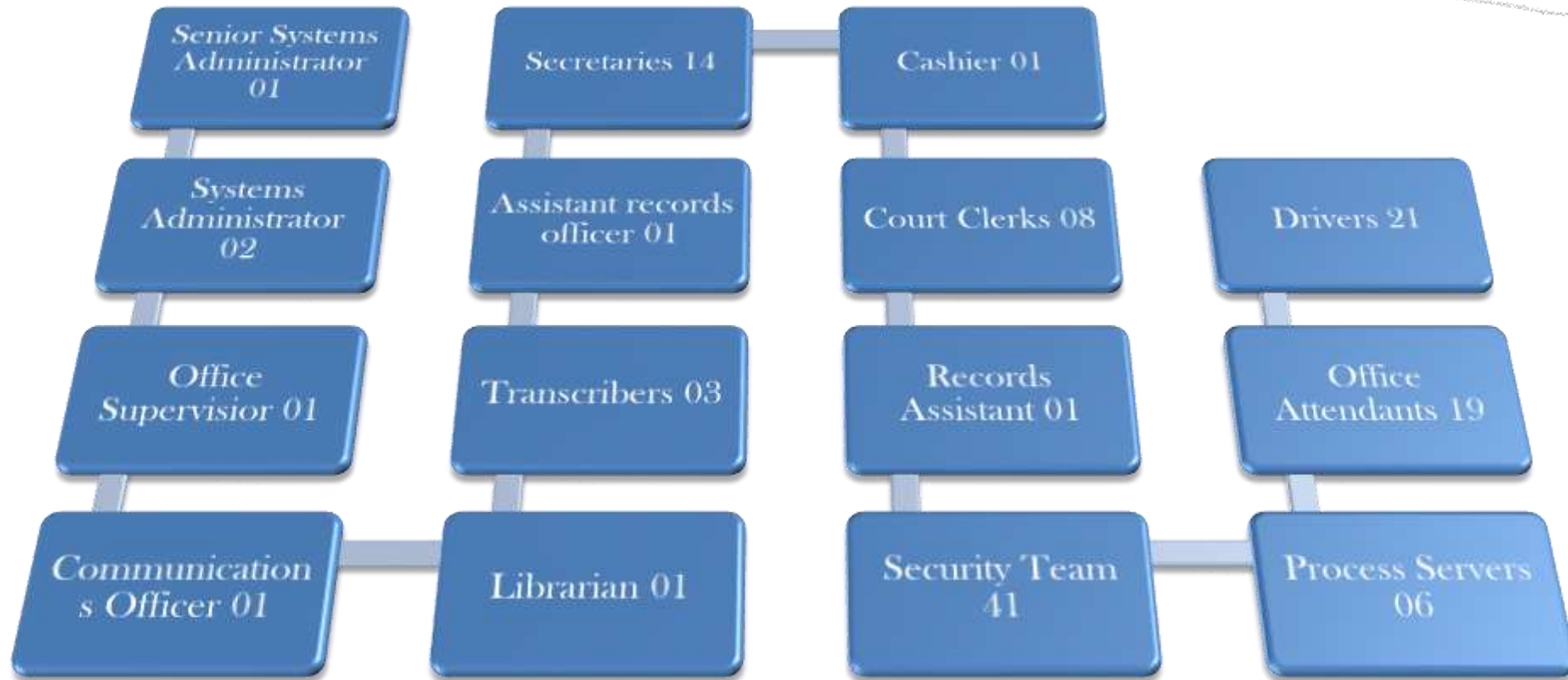


Registrars and Magistrates



Non Judicial Officers.

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REGISTRIES OF THE COURT AND THEIR PERFORMANCE

- Civil Registry

Case Category	Brought Forward	Registered			Completed			Pending
		2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	
	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2023
Civil Appeals	2,177	420	549	1,368	176	141	114	3,431
Civil Applications	1,822	108	524	797	193	229	321	2,298
Civil References	8	0	12	28	0	0	3	33
Civil Revisions	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Election Petitions	4	84	4	12	9	78	5	5
Election Petition Applications	0	28	50	19	6	74	8	5
Taxation Applications	97	80	54	91	38	40	64	124
Taxation Reference	5	0	12	7	0	0	2	10
Execution Applications	16	0	12	42	0	0	2	56
Total	4,129	720	1,217	2,366	422	562	519	5,964



The reduced performance in the Civil Registry can be attributed to:

- Increase in the number of appeals
- Fast-tracking the disposal of old Criminal Appeals
- Reduction in the number of Justices of Appeal from 15 to 12
- Indisposition of one of the Justices;
- Additional responsibilities of one of the Justices at the East African Court of Justice;
- Mandatory fast-tracking of the Election Petition Appeals and Applications



Constitutional Registry

Case Category	Brought Forward	Registered			Completed			Pending
		2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	
	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2023
Constitutional Petitions	112	35	45	36	119	40	64	84
Constitutional Petition Applications	103	0	15	45	91	23	97	51
Constitutional References	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Total	216	35	61	82	210	63	161	137

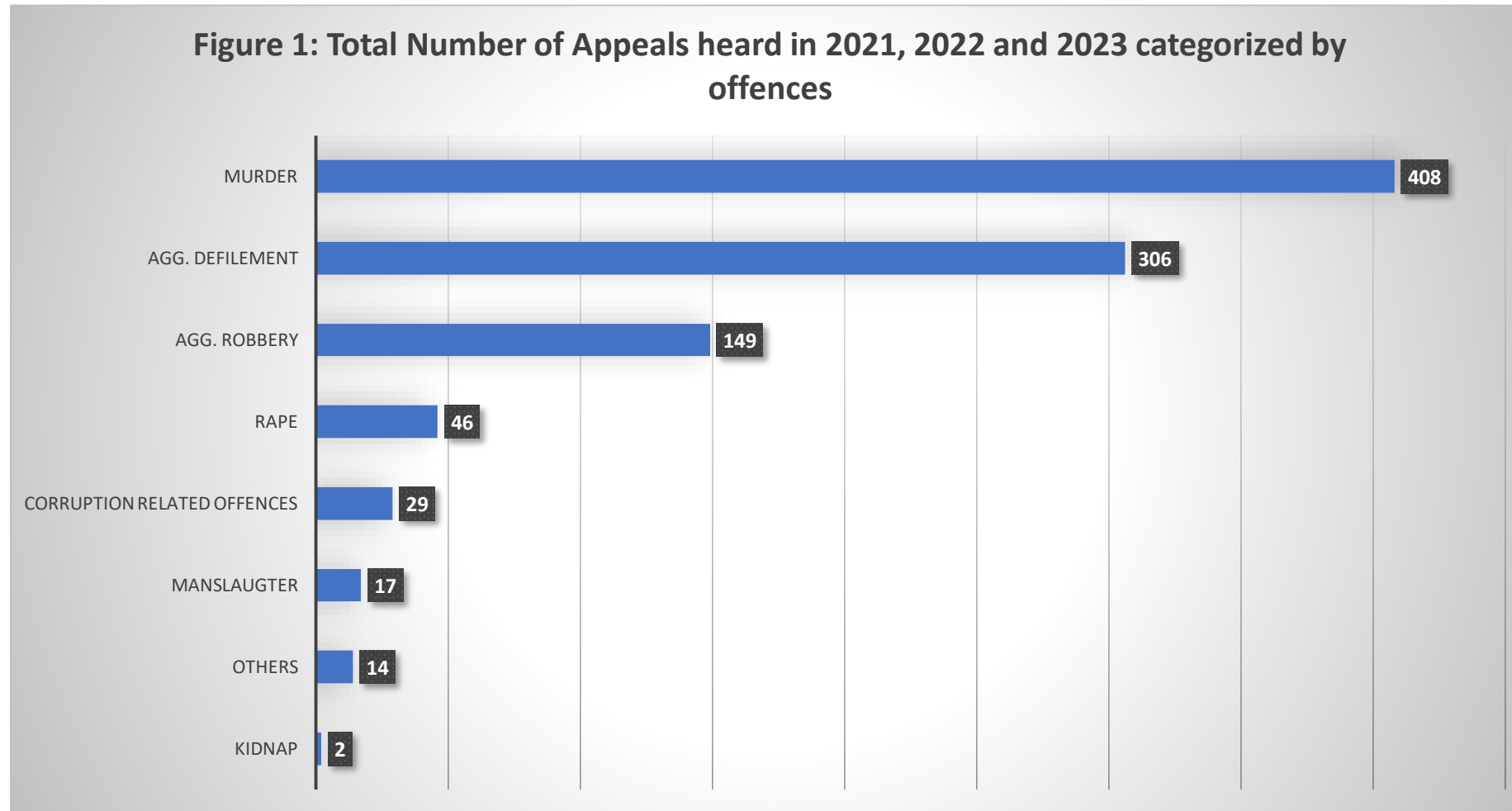


Criminal registry

Case Category	Brought Forward	Registered			Completed			Pending
		2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	
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Criminal Appeals	3,355	308	318	614	307	237	427	3,542
Criminal Applications	295	114	91	137	34	12	5	427
TOTAL	3,650	422	409	751	341	249	432	3,969



Criminal Appeals categorized by offences

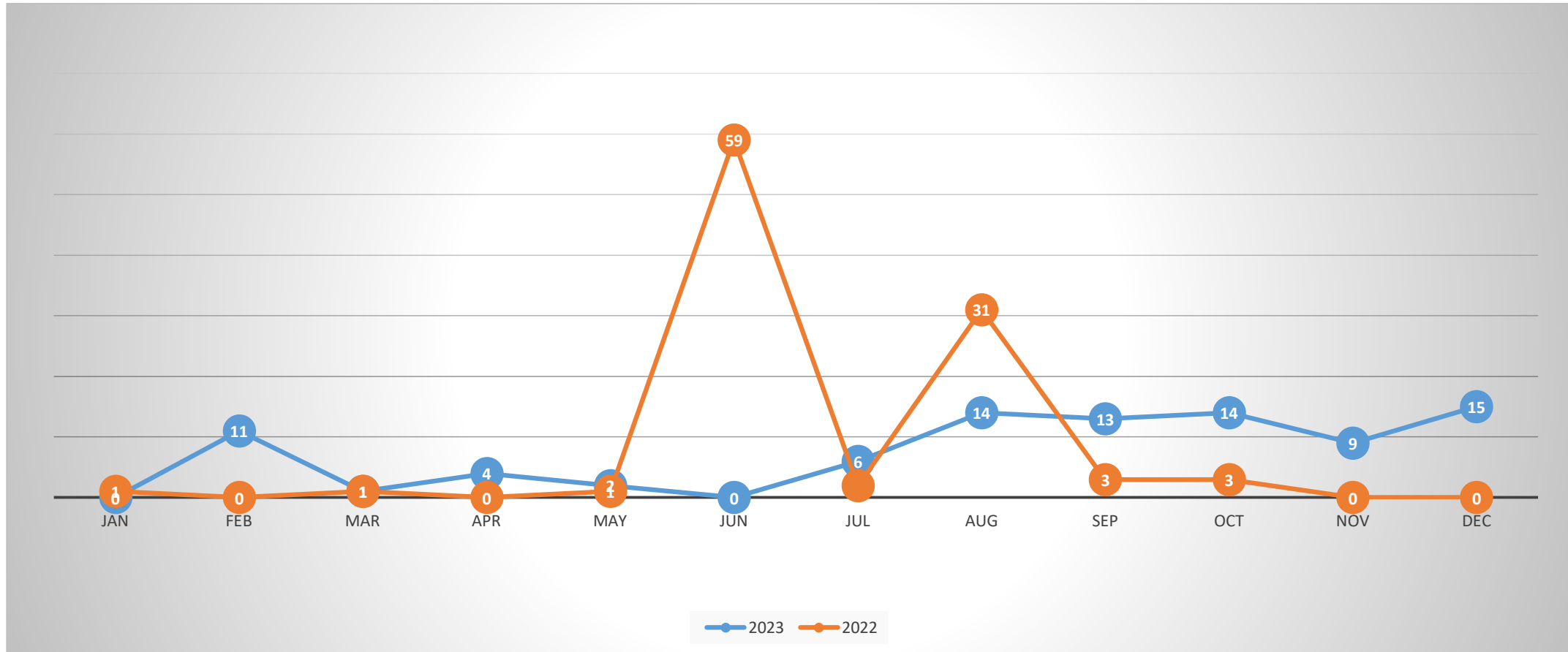


Appellate Mediation

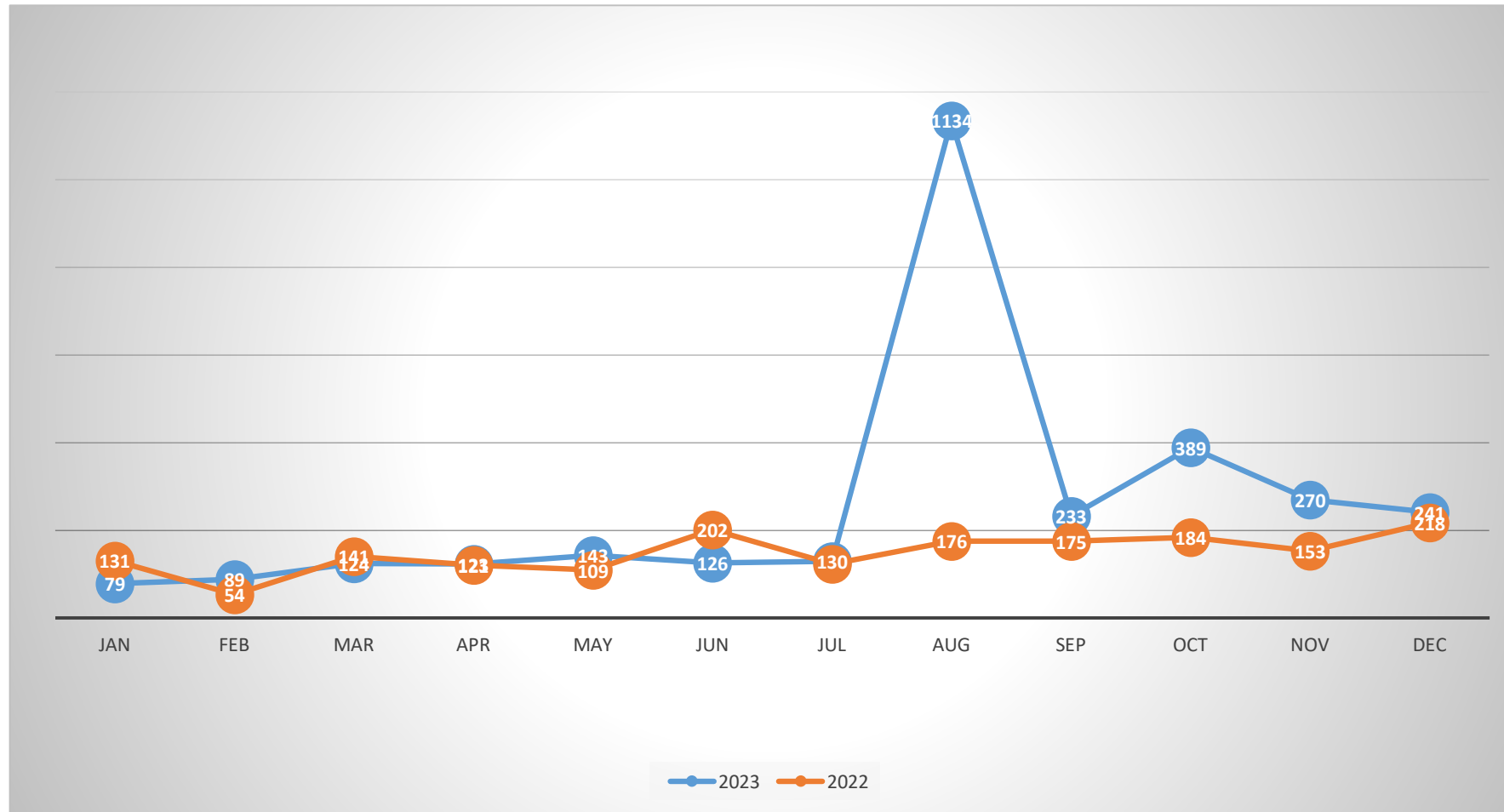
Category	Brought Forward	Registered	Completed			Pending
			Successful	Failed	Total	
Mediation causes	32	89	32	28	60	61
TOTAL	32	89	32	28	60	61



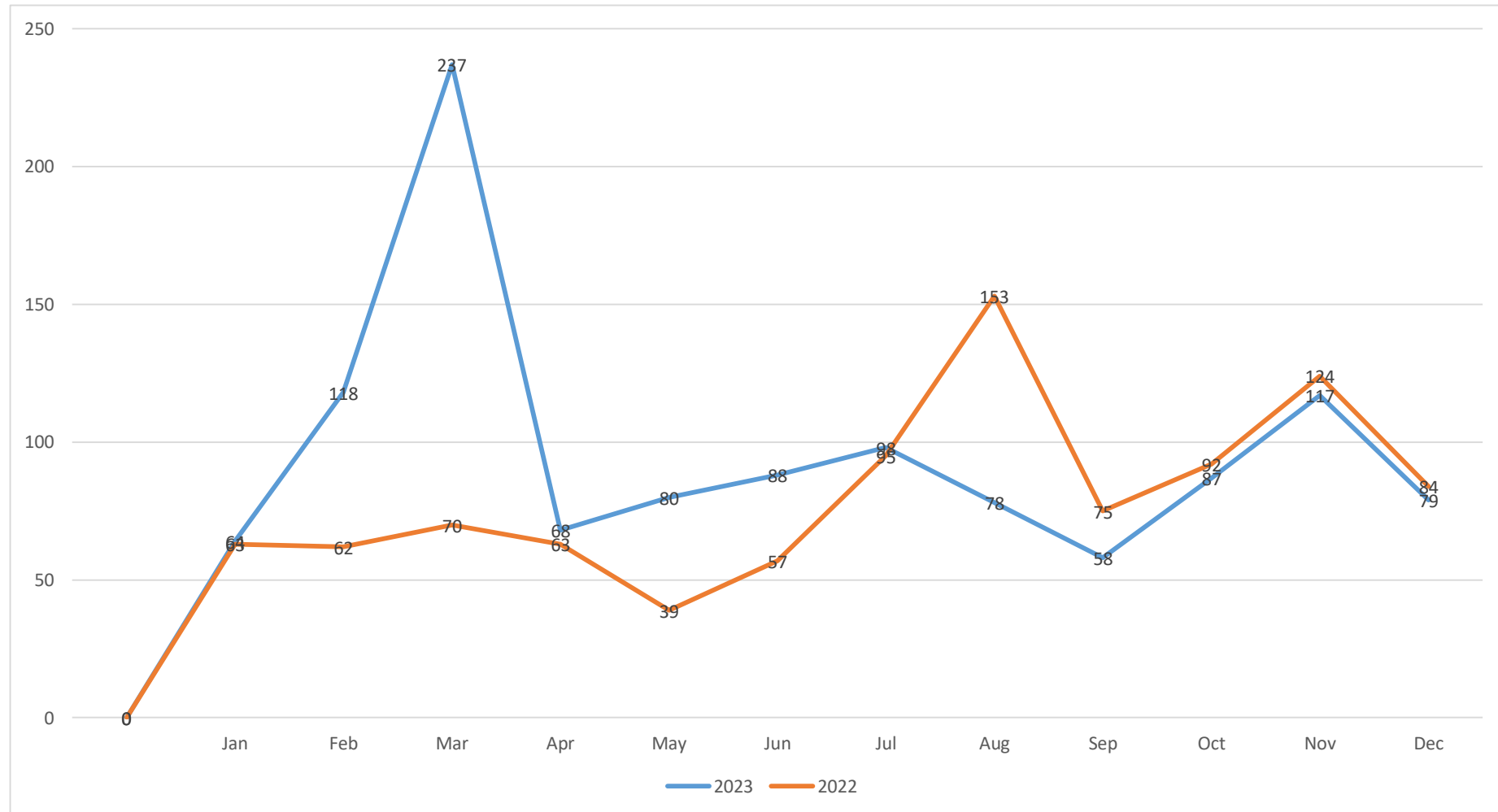
Registration of Mediations for the period Jan - Dec 2023 vs. 2022



Registered cases in the Court of Appeal for the Year 2023 compared to 2022



Completed cases in the Court of Appeal for the Year 2023 compared to 2022



- Backlog

CASE TYPE	Total Pending	Total Case Backlog	%Age Backlog
Criminal	3,969	2,864	72.2
Constitutional cases	137	33	24.1
Civil	5,830	3,092	53
Election Cases	22	0	0
Taxation Application	124	17	13.7
Appellate Mediation	61	0	0
Total Pending for Court of Appeal	10,143	6,006	59.2



Achievements

ECCMIS

Effective & efficient record handling

Upload of decisions to ULII

Continuously availed decisions to ULII for Upload.

Online handing of cases

Both hearings and judgements held virtually

Appellate Mediation

Registry has been strengthened

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Cases disposed off, credit to more sessions held

Meetings

Weekly and quarterly judges' meetings.

Regional courts

Sessions held in every region of the country.



Challenges

1. Reconstitution of panels or collapsed panels Failure to hold a retreat for Justices of Appeal
2. Incomplete lower court records
3. Inadequate office space
4. Inadequate office equipment
5. Library
6. Transport
7. Need for on job training
8. Amendment of the Court of Appeal Rules and Legal Framework of Appellate Mediation
9. Reconstitution of panels or collapsed panels



Priority areas for the court

1. Prioritization of Appeals

- a) Election Petition Appeals.
- b) Anti-Corruption.
- c) Constitutional Petitions.
- d) Proceedings arising from Supreme Court Orders for retrial

2. Affirmative action



Other activities that were carried out in the year 2023

1. Court Users Committee Meeting:
2. Staff meeting
3. Stakeholder Engagements:
4. Courtesy/Social Visits (Justice Manyindo & Hon. Mrs. Kakuru).
5. Inspection of the new appellate courts buildings under construction
6. Justices luncheon



Conclusion

- The Court of Appeal / Constitutional Court has made an effort to implement its mandate in 2023. In spite of the challenges, post-COVID-19 and the lower number of members of the Court, it is notable that the number of cases disposed of increased.
- The members of the Court look forward to welcoming more Justices to the court, in view of the fact that two of the current members have been elevated to the Supreme Court. We congratulate them and wish them God's blessing and success in their new assignment.
- We undertake to do better in the coming year and call for all the necessary support to help the Court achieve its dual mandate.



