MALAWI JUDICIARY

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Foreword

2024 has been another fulfilling year for the Judiciary, despite some challenges. This Annual Report (the Report) highlights the key accomplishments along with the major challenges encountered.

Following the amendment of the Constitution to create the office of the Deputy Chief Justice, His Excellency the State President appointed Honourable Justice Lovemore Paul Chikopa, SC as Deputy Chief Justice of the Republic of Malawi on 16th April, 2024. Deputy Chief Justice Chikopa SC brings a wealth of experience in court administration gained during his tenure as Judge in – Charge and Chief Resident Magistrate. With regard to enhancing human capacity, the Judiciary recruited and trained a number of officers as detailed in this Report. The installation of the video conferencing facilities in selected subordinate courts which was launched in April 2024 and the E-Justice Conference held in September 2024 further demonstrate the commitment of the Judiciary to strengthening its operational efficiency. It is my sincere belief that these efforts will result in improved efficiency and effectiveness across the Judiciary. To broaden public awareness of its mandate and activities, the Judiciary signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC). Through this collaboration, programmes highlighting the work of the Judiciary will be broadcast, thereby demystifying the institution and educating the public about its role in promoting justice. On the long-awaited Judiciary Complex in Lilongwe, I am pleased to report that works have commenced with the construction of the perimeter fence and guard houses. Looking ahead, I am optimistic that construction of the main office Complex will begin in 2025. This new Judiciary Headquarters in Lilongwe will mark a significant milestone as it will improve access to justice by providing increased courtroom and office space for both judicial and administrative services. Despite these advancements, the Judiciary continued to face persistent challenges, including irregular funding, limited access to payments, and staff shortages, which hindered progress. Nevertheless, the Judiciary remains committed to engaging the other-two branches of Government, the Executive and the Legislature - as well as development partners, to explore solutions to these obstacles. In conclusion, I wish you an insightful and pleasant reading of this Report.

Rizine R. Mzikamanda, SC
CHIEF JUSTICE
2025

It is with great honour that we present the 2024 Judiciary Annual Report (the Report), which provides a comprehensive overview of the performance, achievements, and challenges faced by the Judiciary over the past year. The Judiciary serves as the bedrock of justice, upholding the rule of law, safeguarding fundamental rights, and ensuring the fair and impartial resolution of disputes. This Report reflects the unwavering commitment of the Judiciary to these principles while highlighting key milestones enhancing the administration of justice. In 2024, the Judiciary continued to evolve in response to societal advancements. Significant strides were made in judicial efficiency, case management, and access to justice through the integration of digital solutions and strengthened institutional frameworks. Our courts remained steadfast in delivering decisions, some amidst difficult working conditions. As part of these advancements, four judges were appointed during the year, further strengthening the Judiciary. The profiles of the four judges are covered in this Report, while profiles of judges appointed in previous years can be found in the 2022 Annual Report. This Report also sheds light on the challenges encountered, including case backlogs and resource constraints. Addressing these issues requires a collective effort from all stakeholders—judges, legal practitioners, policymakers, and the public—to ensure the continued integrity and effectiveness of our judicial system. As we reflect on the year's progress and setbacks, we reaffirm our commitment to upholding the principles of justice, fairness, and accountability. We extend our gratitude to all members of the judiciary, court staff, and legal professionals whose dedication and diligence contribute to the smooth functioning of our courts. It is our hope that this Report serves as a valuable resource for assessing the progress of the Judiciary, fostering informed dialogue, and guiding future reforms. We look forward to building on these efforts to ensure a more accessible, efficient, and responsive judicial system in the years ahead.

His Honour Innocent Nebi
Acting Registrar of the High Court and
Supreme Court of Appeal

MISSION, VISION, VALUES AND STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE JUDICIARY

Mission

To interpret, protect and enforce the Constitution and all laws in an independent and impartial manner.

Vision

Expeditious and impartial justice for all.

Core Values

Integrity: Being honest, corrupt-free and morally upright

Transparency: Providing necessary access to relevant information by the public and other relevant stakeholders

Accountability: Being responsible for and justifying our actions and decisions

Responsiveness: Responding to changing circumstances and environment while upholding justice

Teamwork: Working harmoniously together towards common goals

Professionalism: Executing our mandate with consistent competence, fairness, dependability and responsibility

Overarching Goal

To provide expanded, inclusive, accessible and speedy justice for all.

Strategic Goals

a) Strengthened service delivery;

b) Adequately resourced and fiscally responsible Judiciary;

c) Increased public confidence in the Judiciary; and

d) Strengthened institutional framework and capacity of the Judiciary.

Clerks from various courts in Lilongwe pose for a photograph with some facilitators and Assistant Registrars during a training on 1st November 2024

COMPOSITION, POWERS AND MANDATE OF THE MALAWI JUDICIARY

The Judiciary is one of the three branches of Government. The two other branches are the Executive and the Legislature, also known as Parliament. The separate status, function and duty of the Judiciary are expressed in section 9 of the Constitution where the Judiciary has been entrusted with the responsibility of interpreting, protecting and enforcing the Constitution and all laws in accordance with the Constitution in an independent and impartial manner with regard only to legally relevant facts and the prescriptions of law.

Chapter IX of the Constitution establishes courts at various levels, and outlines the composition and powers of each court. The Supreme Court of Appeal Act provides for the structure and powers of the Supreme Court of Appeal while the Courts Act provides for the powers and functions of the High Court and subordinate courts. In addition, the Labour Relations Act provides for the composition, powers and functions of the Industrial Relations Court.

The Supreme Court of Appeal

The Supreme Court of Appeal is the superior court of record, established under section 104 of the Constitution. Its jurisdiction and powers are conferred on it by the Constitution or any other law. It is the highest appellate court which hears appeals from the High Court and tribunals as an Act of Parliament may prescribe. As such, no court can be established of superior or concurrent jurisdiction with the Supreme Court of Appeal.

The Justices of the Supreme Court of Appeal comprise the Chief Justice, the Deputy Chief Justice, and such number of other Justices of Appeals not being less than three as may be prescribed by an Act of Parliament.

The Chief Justice is appointed by the President and confirmed by the National Assembly by a majority of two thirds of members present and voting. The Deputy Chief Justice and Justices of Appeal are appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Judicial Service Commission. A Judge of the High Court may be appointed by the President on recommendation of the Judicial Service Commission to serve as an Acting Justice of Appeal where, for example, there are less than three serving Justices of Appeal. The Supreme Court of Appeal Act further provides for the jurisdiction and the constitution of the court when dealing with a particular matter.

The Deputy Chief Justice, Honourable Justice Lovemore Chikopa SC (middle) taking oath at Kamuzu Palace on 18th April, 2024

High Court

The High Court is established under section 108 of the Constitution. It has unlimited original jurisdiction to hear and determine any civil or criminal proceedings under any law which includes reviewing any law and any action and decision of the Government for conformity with the Constitution. It also hears and determines appeals from subordinate courts and the Industrial Relations Court. The Courts Act provides for its structure and additional powers. Apart from the Supreme Court of Appeal, there cannot be established a court of superior or concurrent jurisdiction with the High Court.

Besides the Principal Registry based in Blantyre, the Chief Justice, in exercise of his powers under section 7A of the Courts Act, established three district registries of the High Court. These are Lilongwe District Registry, Mzuzu District Registry and Zomba District Registry. In an effort to enhance access to justice and improve service delivery, there has also been established six specialized divisions of the High Court, namely, Civil Division, Commercial Division, Criminal Division, Family and Probate Division, Revenue Division and Financial Crimes Division. While the Financial Crimes Division started operations in 2022, it was officially launched in 2024.

The Chief Justice (third from left), the Deputy Chief Justice (first left) and the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (fourth from left) pose for a group photograph with Judges of the Financial Crimes Division on 30th May 2024

Judges of the High Court are appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Judicial Service Commission. In 2024, the President appointed four judges: Justice Kondwani Banda, Justice Madalitso Chimwaza, Justice Edna Bodole, and Justice Trouble Kalua.

The State President, the Chief Justice and the Secretary to the Office of President and Cabinet (in the middle) with newly appointed Judges of the High Court after Swearing in Ceremony at Kamuzu Palace in Lilongwe on 26th August 2024

Courts subordinate to the High Court

Courts subordinate to the High Court are established under section 110 of the Constitution. These courts are: the Industrial Relations Court presided over by the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson with original jurisdiction over labour disputes and such other issues relating to employment under the Labour Relations Act; subordinate courts under the Courts Act and the Child Care, Protection and Justice Act which are presided over by magistrates; and Local Courts with the jurisdiction limited exclusively to civil cases at customary law and such minor common law and statutory offences as prescribed by the Local Courts Act which are presided over by lay persons.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL

In the year under review, the Justices of Supreme Court of Appeal were:

Chief Justice Rizine Robert Mzikamanda SC

Appointed Chief Justice in 2022
Appointed Justice of Appeal in 2012

Deputy Chief Justice Lovemore Paul Chikopa SC

Appointed Deputy Chief Justice in 2024
Appointed Justice of Appeal in 2012

Justice Frank Edgar Kapanda SC

Appointed Justice of Appeal in 2013

Justice Healey Stuart Burrows Potani SC

Appointed Justice of Appeal in 2020

Justice John Nelson Katsala SC

Appointed Justice of Appeal in 2020

Justice Ivy Chatha Kamanga SC

Appointed Justice of Appeal in 2020

Justice Mankhambira Charles Ching'anyi Mkandawire SC

Appointed Justice of Appeal in 2020

Justice Sylvester Augusto Kalembera SC

Appointed Justice of Appeal in 2022

Justice Dingiswayo Madise SC

Appointed Justice of Appeal in 2022

Justice Rowland Sextus Mbvundula SC

Appointed Justice of Appeal in 2022

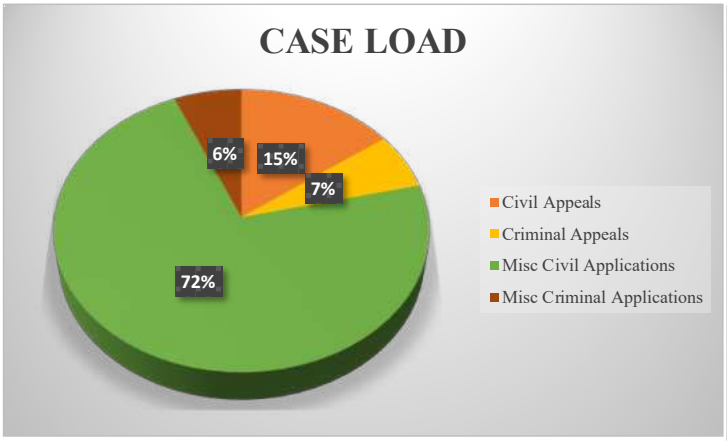
Justice Dorothy Nyakaunda Kamanga SC

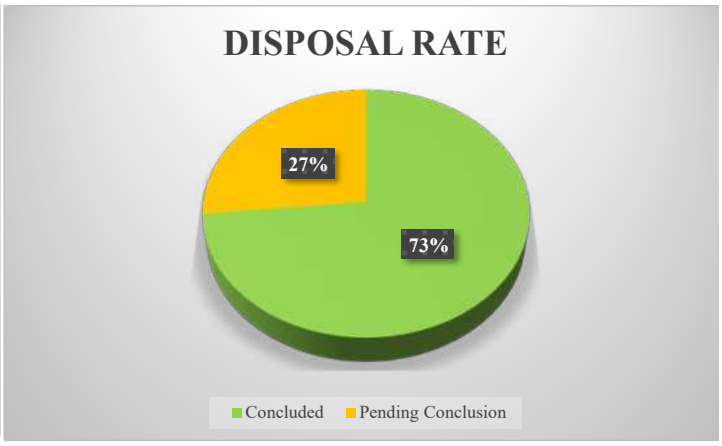
Appointed Justice of Appeal in 2022

CASE LOAD & STATISTICS

In 2024, the Supreme Court of Appeal registered 14 civil appeals, 6 criminal appeals, 68 miscellaneous civil applications and 6 miscellaneous criminal applications bringing the total to 94. Out of the 94 registered cases, 69 were concluded and 25 are pending at different stages in the court processes.

Case Category	Registered	Concluded
Civil Appeal	14	6
Criminal Appeal	6	1
Misc Civil	68	57
Misc Criminal	6	5
Total	94	69





The full bench of the Supreme Court of Appeal pose in new working regalia which was introduced in 2024

HIGH COURT OF MALAWI

In 2016, the Courts Act was amended by introducing section 6A which establishes several divisions of the High Court. These divisions are:

CRIMINAL DIVISION

The Criminal Division hears and determines criminal matters. Under section 2 of the Courts Act, a criminal matter means a matter requiring a person to answer for an offence under any written law other than revenue law.

Judges in the Criminal Division are:

Justice John Mashikizo Chirwa

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2009

Justice Annabel Mtalimanja

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2013

She is also the Chairperson of the Malawi Electoral Commission since June 2024.

Justice Dorothy Alethea DeGabriele

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2016

Justice Ruth Fletcher Chinangwa

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2016

Justice Chimwemwe Kamowa

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice Texious Shadreck Masoamphambe

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice Agnes Thokozani Patemba

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice Justus Asante Kishindo

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice Vikochi Ndovi Chima

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice Mzonde Eric Geoffrey Mvula

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice Gladys Assima Gondwe

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2022

Justice Dick Harry Sankhulani

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2022

Justice Bruno McDonald Kalemba

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2022

Justice Eddah Eddai Ngwira Mwakibinga

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2022

Justice Etness Chanza

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2022

HIGH COURT OF MALAWI - CRIMINAL DIVISION

Honourable Justice Kondwani Godfrey Banda

He was appointed Judge of the High Court on 2nd July, 2024.

He was born on 7th January, 1979. He is married and has three children. He is a graduate of the University of Malawi (2009) and Mzuzu University (2003) respectively, obtaining degrees of Bachelor of Laws with Honours and Bachelor of Science (Ed).

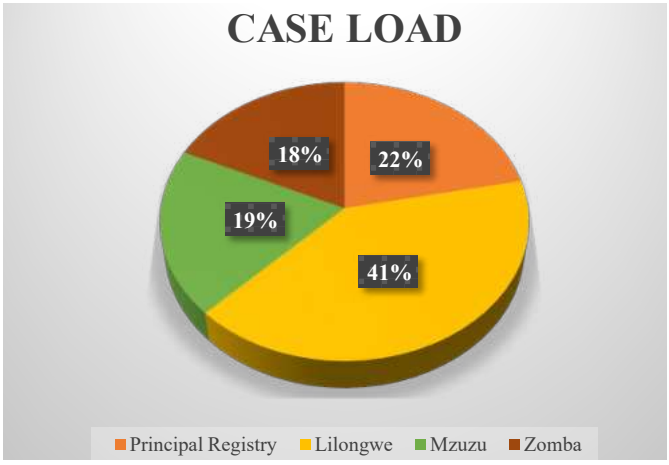
He joined the Judiciary as a Senior Resident Magistrate in 2011. He rose to the ranks of Assistant Registrar, Deputy Chairperson of the Industrial Relations Court, Senior Deputy Registrar and later Registrar of the High Court and Supreme Court of Appeal.

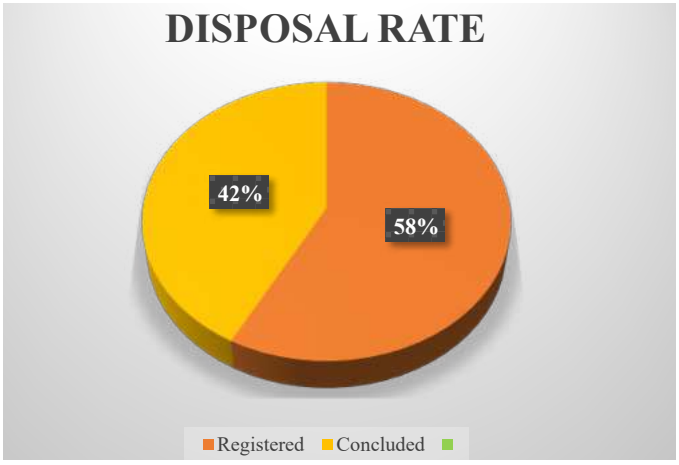
CASE LOAD & STATISTICS

In the year under review, the Criminal Division, the Principal Registry registered 669 cases, and concluded 430 cases . Lilongwe district registry registered 1,251 cases and concluded 805 cases. Mzuzu District Registry registered 597 cases and concluded 520 cases. Zomba District Registry registered 556 cases and concluded 480 cases.

A total of 3,073 cases were registered under Criminal Division, 2,235 were concluded.

Registry	Registered	Concluded
Principal Registry	669	430
Lilongwe District Registry	1251	805
Mzuzu District Registry	597	520
Zomba District Registry	556	480
TOTAL	**3073**	**2235**





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COMMERCIAL DIVISION

The Commercial Division hears any commercial matter. Under section 2 of the Courts Act, a commercial matter means any civil matter of commercial significance arising out of or connected with any relationship of commercial or business nature, whether contractual or not including: (a) the formation or governance of a business or commercial organization; (b) the contractual relationship of a business or commercial organization; (c) liabilities arising from commercial or business transactions; (d) restructuring or payment of commercial debts; (e) the winding up of companies or bankruptcy of persons; (f) the enforcement or review of commercial arbitration award; (g) the enforcement of foreign judgments of commercial matters subject to the provisions of the law; (h) the supply or exchange of goods and services; (i) banking, negotiable instruments, international credit and similar financial services; (j) insurance services; (k) the operation of stock and foreign exchange markets.

Judges in the Commercial Division are:

Justice Kenan Tilombe Manda

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2009

Justice Dr. Chifundo Jairus Kachale

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2011

Justice Jabbar Alide

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice Masauko Timothy Msungama

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice Charlotte Wezzi Mesikano Malonda

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice Gloria Alinafe Namonde

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Honourable Justice Trouble Kalua

He was appointed Judge of the High Court on 31st July, 2024.

The Honourable Justice Trouble Kalua was born on 9th March 1978. He is married and has three children. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree from the University of Malawi obtained in 2001.

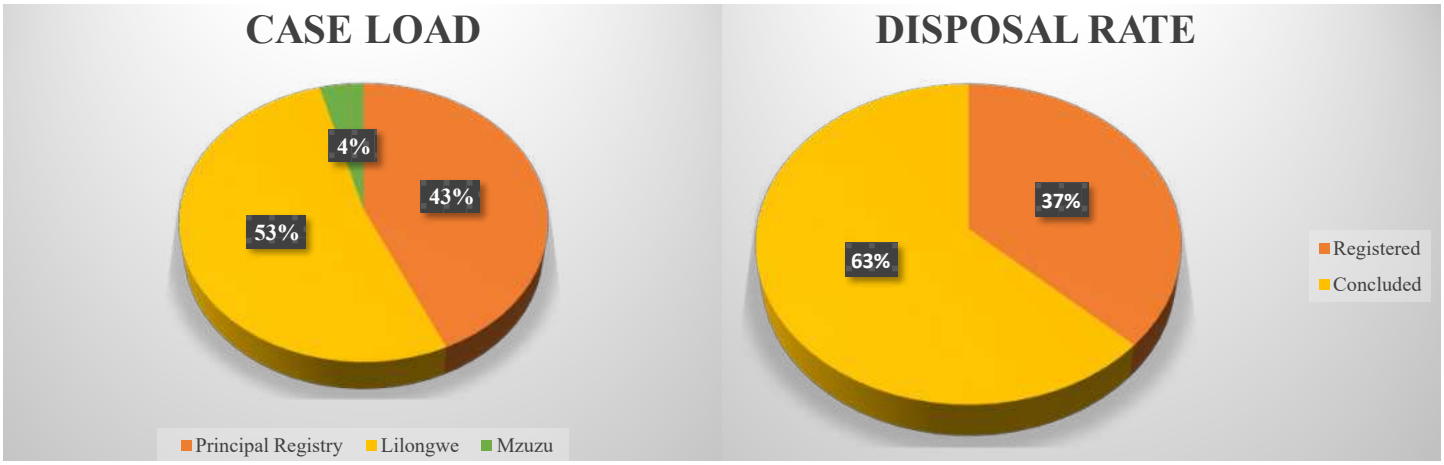
Before joining the Judiciary, he worked in private legal practice and later joined the Legal Aid Bureau as Deputy Director. He was appointed Director of the Legal Aid Bureau in March 2023.

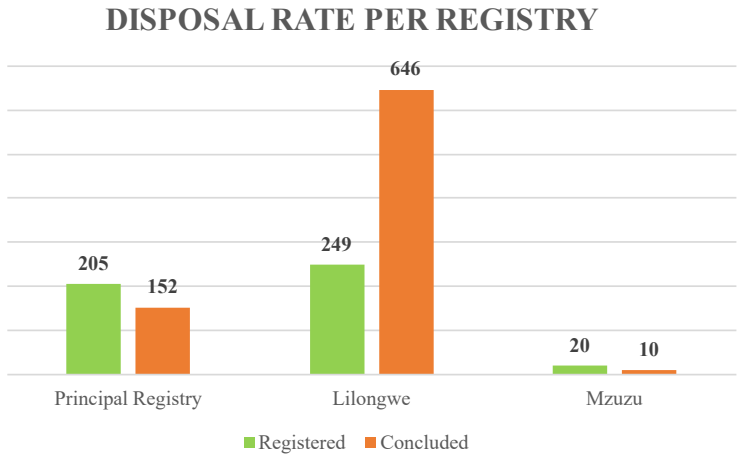
HIGH COURT OF MALAWI - COMMERCIAL DIVISION
CASE LOAD & STATISTICS

In the year under review, the Commercial Division, Principal Registry registered 205 cases, concluded 152 cases. Lilongwe District Registry registered 249 cases, concluded 646 cases. Mzuzu District Registry registered 20 cases and concluded 10 cases.

A total of 474 cases were registered under Commercial Division, 808 were concluded.
The Judiciary was provided with funds for court circuit in Mzuzu. However, plans are underway to establish a fully-fledged registry for Commercial Division in Mzuzu.

Registry	Registered	Concluded
Principal Registry	205	152
Lilongwe District Registry	249	646
Mzuzu District Registry	20	10
TOTAL	**474**	**808**





HIGH COURT OF MALAWI

CIVIL DIVISION

The Civil Division hears civil matters which are not provided for under another division of the High Court. Under section 2 of the Courts Act, a civil matter means a civil matter that is not commercial, criminal, family or probate matter. For example, the Civil Division handles matters that include personal injury claims; chieftaincy disputes and land matters. The Civil Division also hears civil appeals from the subordinate courts and various tribunals as provided under the law.

Judges in the Civil Division are:

Justice Rachel Sophie Sikwese

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2012

Justice Kenyatta Nyirenda

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2012

Justice Michael Atanazio Tembo

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2013

Justice Zione Jane Veronica Ntaba

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2013

Justice Jack N'riva

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2017

Justice Thomson Robert Ligowe

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2017

Justice Simeon Saisi Mdeza

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice William Yakuwawa Msiska

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice Maureen Kondowe

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice Mandala Dick Mambulasa

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

Justice Patrick Chirunga Chirwa

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2022

Justice Howard Brighton Pemba

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2022

Justice Allan Hans Muhome

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2022

HIGH COURT OF MALAWI - CIVIL DIVISION

Honourable Justice Edna Bodole

She was appointed Judge of the High Court on 2nd July, 2024.

She was born on 12th December, 1972. She is married and has three children. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degree from the University of Malawi (2013), a Master of Science in Organisational Psychology from UNICAF University (2023).

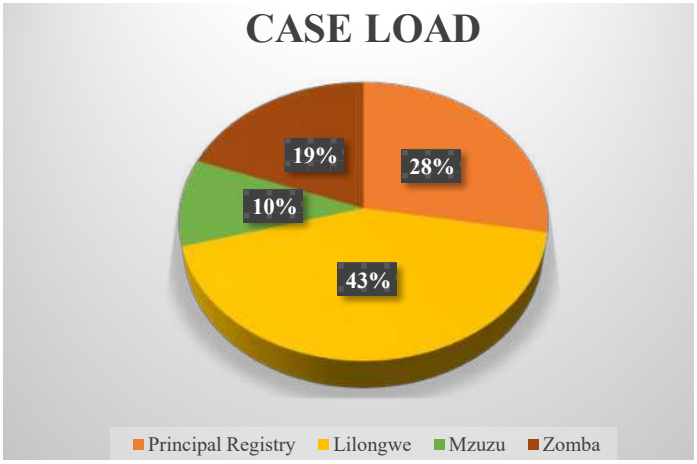
She worked in the Judiciary in various grades and in 2013 she was appointed as a Senior Resident Magistrate. She rose to the ranks of Assistant Registrar and Deputy Chairperson of the Industrial Relations Court.

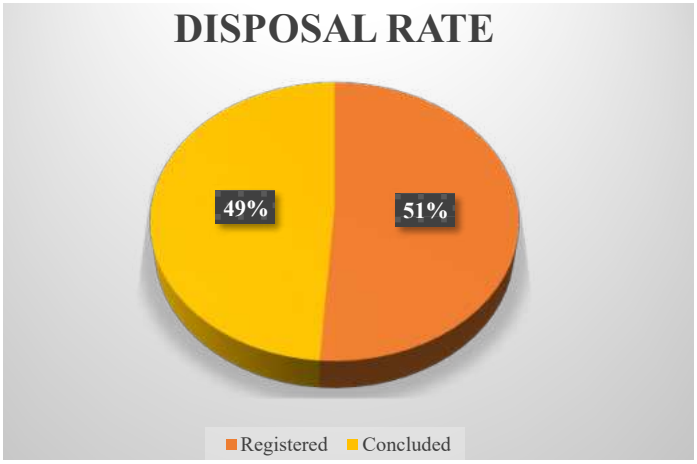
CASE LOAD & STATISTICS

In the year under review, the High Court, Civil Division, the Principal Registry registered 433 cases, concluded 516 cases. Lilongwe District Registry registered 669 cases, concluded 573 cases. Mzuzu District Registry registered 158 cases, concluded 279 cases and Zomba District Registry registered 300 cases, concluded 120 cases.

A total of 1560 cases were registered under Civil Division, 1488 were concluded.

Registry	Registered	Concluded
Principal Registry	433	516
Lilongwe District Registry	669	573
Mzuzu District Registry	158	279
Zomba District Registry	300	120
TOTAL	**1560**	**1488**





HIGH COURT OF MALAWI

FAMILY AND PROBATE DIVISION

The Family and Probate Division hears any family and probate matter. Under section 2 of the Courts Act, a family matter means a civil matter which concerns the entry, subsistence and exit from a marriage, and related matters; while a probate matter means a civil matter which concerns succession to or inheritance of property and incidental matters.

Judges in the Family and Probate Division are:

Justice Fiona Atupele Mwale

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2012

Justice Jean Rosemary Kayira

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2022

Honourable Justice Madalitso Chimwaza

She was appointed Judge of the High Court on 2nd July, 2024.

She was born on 7th October, 1975 has two children. Holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Malawi, (2013) a Diploma in Law from University of Malawi (2008).

She worked in the Judiciary in various grades and in 2013 she was appointed as a Senior Resident Magistrate. She rose to the ranks of Assistant Registrar and Chief Resident Magistrate.

On administrative arrangement, the three judges are assisted by Lady Justice Ntaba in Zomba District Registry, Lord Justice Ligowe in Mzuzu District Registry, Lord Justice Msiska in Lilongwe District Registry and Lord Justice Mambulasa at the Principal Registry.

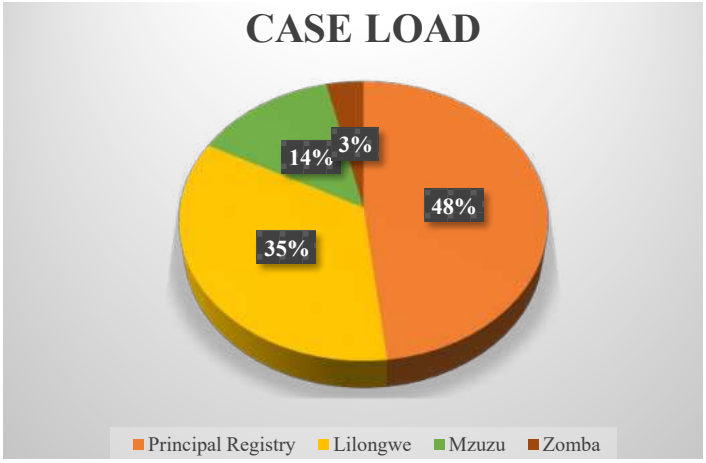
HIGH COURT OF MALAWI - FAMILY AND PROBATE DIVISION

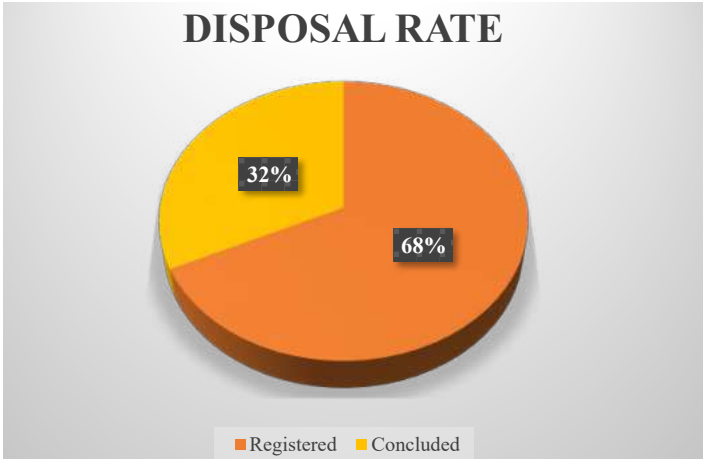
CASE LOAD & STATISTICS

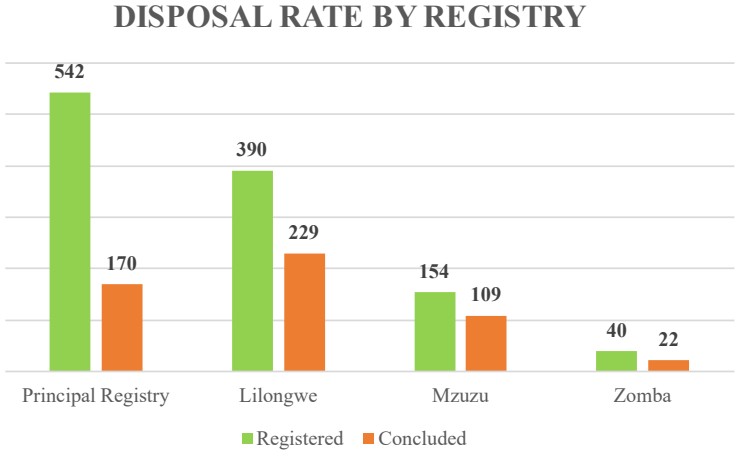
In the year under review, the High Court, Family and Probate Division, the Principal Registry registered 542 cases, concluded 170 cases. Lilongwe District Registry registered 390 cases, concluded 229 cases. Mzuzu District Registry registered 154 cases, concluded 109 cases and Zomba District Registry registered 40 cases, concluded 22 cases.

A total of 1,126 cases were registered under Family and Probate Division, 530 were concluded.

Registry	Registered	Concluded
Principal Registry	542	170
Lilongwe District Registry	390	229
Mzuzu District Registry	154	109
Zomba District Registry	40	22
TOTAL	**1126**	**530**







HIGH COURT OF MALAWI

FINANCIAL CRIMES DIVISION

The Financial Crimes Division hears any financial crime matter. Under section 2 of the Courts Act, a financial crime matter means a matter requiring a person to answer a criminal matter arising out of a financial crime and includes a matter under: (a) the Financial Crimes Act, including any civil proceeding arising under Part VI thereof; (b) the Corrupt Practices Act; (c) Chapters X, XXXI, XXXII, XXXIII and XLI of the Penal Code; (d) any financial service law as defined under the Financial Service[s] Act; (e) the Public Finance Management Act; (f) the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act; (g) the Companies Act; and (h) any other written law akin to offences under paragraphs (a) to (g).

Judges in the Financial Crimes Division are:

Justice Redson Edward Kapindu

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2013

Justice Violet Palikena Chipao

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

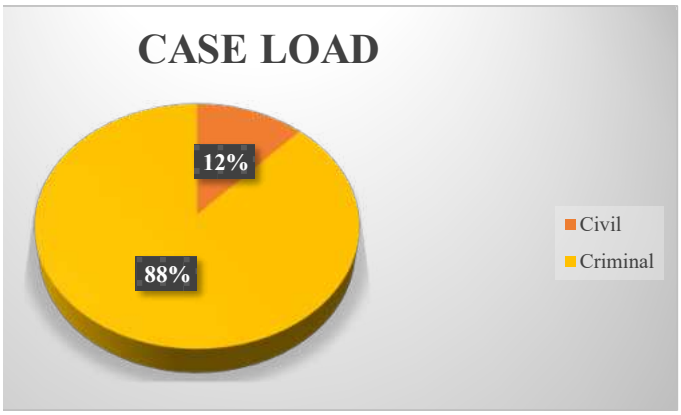
Justice Anneline Kanthambi

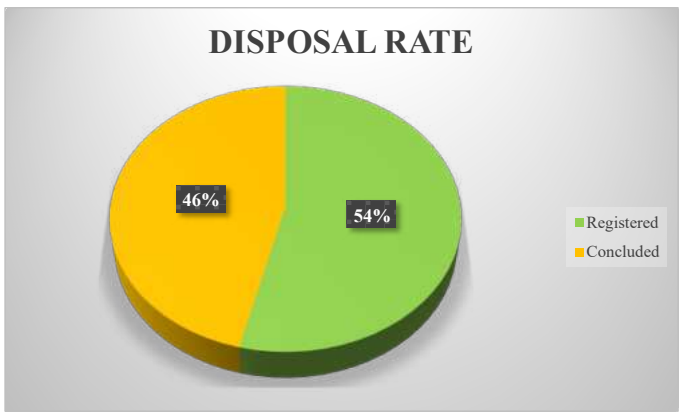
Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2020

CASE LOAD & STATISTICS

In the year under review, the High Court, Financial Crimes Division registered 5 civil cases and concluded 9 cases. The Division also registered 37 criminal cases and concluded 27 cases. In total, the Division registered 42 cases and concluded 36.

Case Type	Registered	Concluded
Civil	5	9
Criminal	37	27
TOTAL	**42**	**36**





HIGH COURT OF MALAWI

REVENUE DIVISION

The Revenue Division hears any revenue matter. Under section 2 of the Courts Act a revenue matter means any civil or criminal matter which concerns taxes, duties, fees, levies, fines or other monies imposed by or collected under the written laws set out under Malawi Revenue Authority Act.

Judges in the Revenue Division are:

Justice Joseph Chigona

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2016

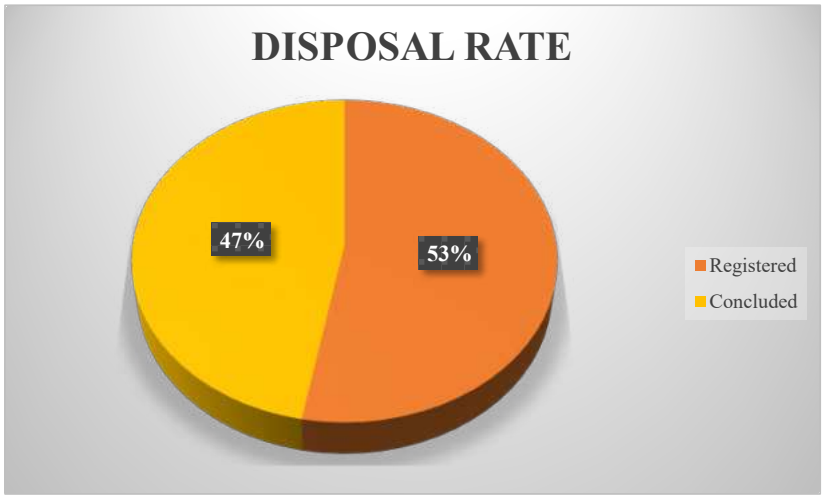
Justice Chimbizgani Matapa Kacheche

Appointed Judge of the High Court in 2022

CASE LOAD & STATISTICS

In the year under review, the High Court, Revenue Division registered 18 cases, concluded 16 cases.

Registered	Concluded
18	16



ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE AS A LEGAL PRACTITIONER, RENEWAL OF LICENCES AND APPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC

Pursuant to sections 22, 30 and 45 of the Legal Education and Legal Practitioners Act, the Chief Justice, in the year 2024, presided over applications for the: (a) admission of individuals to practise as a legal practitioner; (b) renewal of licences for legal practitioners; (c) appointment of legal practitioner to practise as a notary public; and renewal of appointment to practise as a notary public, respectively.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTISE AS A LEGAL PRACTITIONER

2024	REGISTERED APPLICATIONS	ADMITTED	NOT ADMITTED
January	29	29	0
July	16	16	0
December	20	20	0
TOTAL	**65**	**65**	**0**

APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCES TO PRACTICE AS A LEGAL PRACTITIONER

2024	REGISTERED APPLICATIONS	RENEWED	NOT RENEWED
February	8	7	1

APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT TO PRACTISE AS NOTARY PUBLIC

2024	APPLICATIONS REGISTERED	GRANTED	REJECTED	RENEWAL APPLICATIONS REGISTERED	GRANTED	REJECTED
TOTAL	9	9	0	105	105	0

SUMMARY

Persons Admitted to Practise as Legal Practitioners	65
Licences Renewed to Practise as Legal Practitioner	7
Legal Practitioners Appointed to Practise as Notary Public	9
Certificates Renewed to Practise as Notary Public	105

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

The Office of the Registrar of the High Court and Supreme Court of Appeal (the Registrar) is established under section 7 of the Courts Act. Under the Constitution, the power to appoint a Registrar is given to the Chief Justice on the recommendation of the Judicial Service Commission.

The Registrar is the Controlling Officer for the Judiciary and bears the responsibilities as provided for under the Public Finance Management Act and the Public Service Act. The office is responsible for the day to day running of the Judiciary at all levels including handling of complaints, and public relations. The Registrar reports directly to the Chief Justice.

The Registrar is accountable to Parliament on all issues related to the usage of financial resources appropriated to the Judiciary.

The office of the Registrar is also responsible for case management in the High Court and Supreme Court of Appeal. This entails registration, allocation of resources and, in consultation with Judges, allocation of dates of hearing of cases. Additionally, the Registrar performs judicial functions.

The Registrar is assisted by the Senior Deputy Registrar, the Deputy Registrar and Assistant Registrars.

The holders of the offices within the Office of the Registrar during the year under review were:

1. His Honour Innocent Nebi – Acting Registrar
2. His Honour Kingsley Mlungu – Senior Deputy Registrar
3. His Honour Chisomo Msokera – Acting Deputy Registrar
4. His Honour Anthony Kapaswiche – Assistant Registrar –(Acting DCP) – Industrial Relations Court (North)
5. His Honour Wyson C. Nkhata - Assistant Registrar – (Acting DCP) Industrial Relations Court (Blantyre)
6. His Honour Rev. Peter Kandulu - Assistant Registrar – (Acting DCP) Industrial Relations Court (East)
7. Her Honour Thokozani Soko - Assistant Registrar – (Acting DCP) Industrial Relations Court (Centre)
8. Her Honour Ellen Chapita Banda – Assistant Registrar – (Acting CRM) East
9. His Honour Lawrence Mtchera – Assistant Registrar – (Acting DCP) Industrial Relations Court, Blantyre
10. Her Honour Shyreen Yona Chirwa – PRM-(Acting as Assistant Registrar) – Civil Division, Lilongwe District Registry (*on paid Leave*)
11. His Honour Brian Sambo – PRM-(Acting as Assistant Registrar) Civil Division, Lilongwe District Registry
12. Her Honour Emelia Zidule – PRM- (Acting as Assistant Registrar) – Commercial Division, Principal Registry
13. Her Honour Hellen Kachala – PRM- (Acting as Assistant Registrar) – Civil Division Zomba District Registry
14. Her Honour Florence Nsekandiana – PRM-(Acting as Assistant Registrar), High Court Commercial Division, Lilongwe
15. His Honour Ibrahim Hussein – PRM- (Acting as Assistant Registrar), Supreme Court of Appeal
16. His Honour Yohane Munthali – SRM (Acting Assistant Registrar) – Industrial Relations Court, Zomba
17. His Honour Christopher Makumba – SRM (Acting Assistant Registrar) – Revenue Division, Principal Registry
18. His Honour Montfort Misunje – SRM (Acting Assistant Registrar) – Criminal Division. Principal Registry
19. Her Honour Shaheeda Hanif Bakili – SRM (Acting Assistant Registrar)- Industrial Relations Court Blantyre
20. Her Honour Cecilia Onsewa – SRM (Acting Assistant Registrar) – Industrial Relations Court, Lilongwe
21. His Honour Eliya Zawanda – SRM (Acting Assistant Registrar) – Civil Division, Lilongwe District Registry
22. Her Honour Joanna Kwatiwani, SRM- (Acting Assistant Registrar), Financial Crimes Division

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

23. Her Honour Lisa Chingoli -– SRM (Acting Assistant Registrar)– Criminal Division Zomba District Registry
24. His Honour Biar Kamanga —SRM (Acting Assistant Registrar) – Criminal Division, Lilongwe District Registry
25. His Honour Abdul Maulidi – SRM (Acting Assistant Registrar) – Industrial Relations Court, North
26. His Honour Elijah Daniels – SRM (Acting Assistant Registrar) – Civil Division, Principal Registry
27. Her Honour Angella Dossi – SRM (Acting Assistant Registrar) - Malawi Institute of Legal Education.

His Honour Innocent Nebi
Acting Registrar of the High Court and Supreme Court of Appeal

His Honour Kingsley Mlungu
Senior Deputy Registrar

His Honour Chisomo Msokera
Acting Deputy Registrar

COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COURT

The management of the Industrial Relations Court (IRC) is the responsibility of the Chairperson. In the performance of the administrative functions and duties, the Chairperson acts in accordance with policies of the Judiciary and reports to the Registrar of the High Court and Supreme Court of Appeal. The Chairperson is based at the Principal Registry in Blantyre and is assisted by Deputy Chairpersons and Assistant Registrars positioned in the registries of the Court.

In the period under review, the IRC had four registries. The Principal Registry in Blantyre, Lilongwe Registry, Mzuzu Registry and Zomba Registry. Zomba Registry commenced operations on 1st July 2024. There are two other registries in Kasungu and Luchenza are yet to be operationalised.

In the year under review, the Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons of Industrial Relations Court were:

His Honour Austin B.B. Msowoya
Chairperson, Industrial Relations Court

Her Honour
Chikondi Mandala
Principal Registry

His Honour
Tamanda Nyimba
Principal Registry

Her Honour
Annie Gumulira
Lilongwe Registry

His Honour
Anthony Kapaswiche
(Acting)
Mzuzu Registry

His Honour Wyson Nkhata
(Acting)
Principal Registry

His Honour Peter Kandulu
(Acting)
Zomba Registry

Her Honour Thokozani
Soko *(Acting)*
Lilongwe Registry

His Honour Lawrence
Mtchera *(Acting)*
Principal Registry

Deputy Chairpersons of Industrial Relations Court

COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT

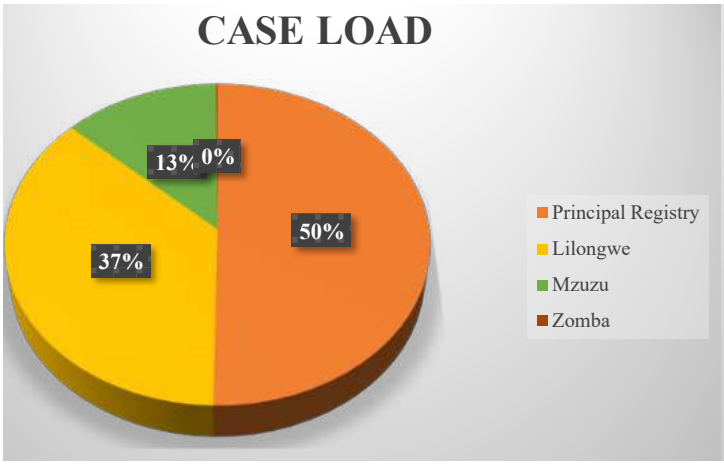
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COURT

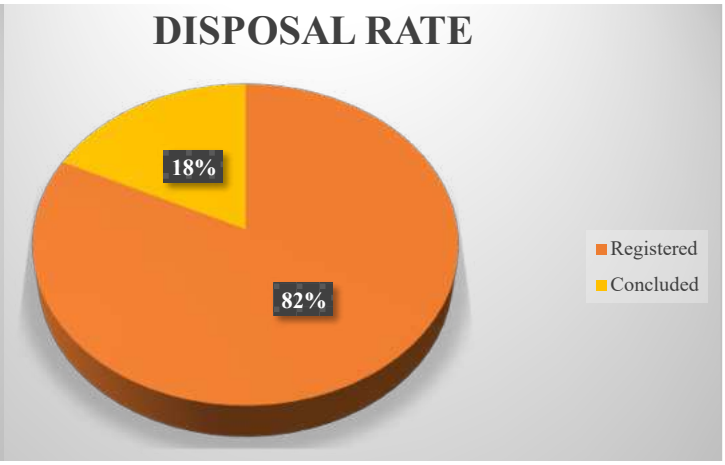
CASE LOAD & STATISTICS

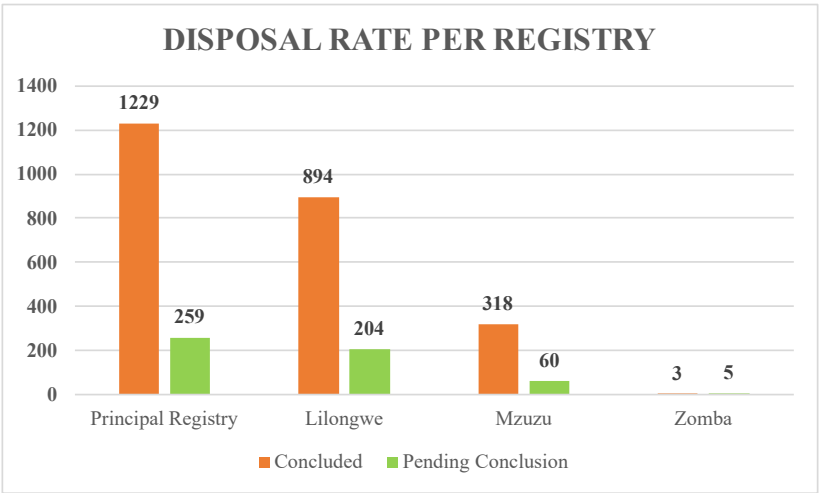
In the year under review, in the Industrial Relations Court, the Principal Registry registered 1229 cases, concluded 259 cases. Lilongwe District Registry registered 894 cases, concluded 204 cases. Mzuzu District Registry registered 318 cases, concluded 60 cases and Zomba District Registry registered 3 cases, concluded 5 cases.

A total of 2,444 cases were registered under Industrial Relations Court, 528 were concluded.

Registry	Registered	Concluded
Principal Registry	1229	259
Lilongwe District Registry	894	204
Mzuzu District Registry	318	60
Zomba District Registry	3	5
TOTAL	**2444**	**528**







COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT
COURTS OF MAGISTRATE

The courts of magistrates are presided over by professional (trained as lawyers) and lay magistrates. The majority of cases in Malawi are handled by the magistrates.

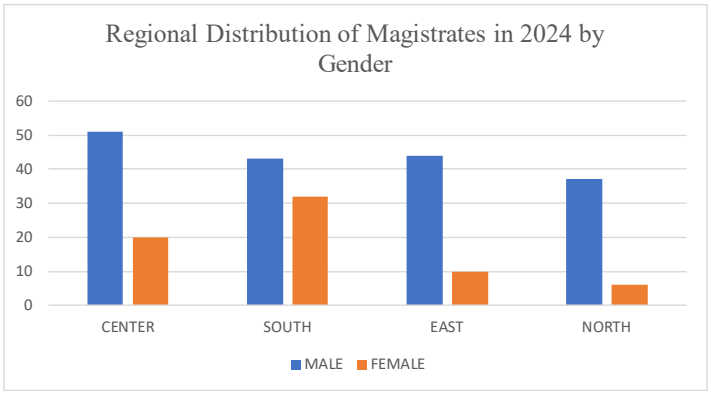
There are four judicial regions, each headed by a Chief Resident Magistrate, namely South, Centre, North and East. There are two other registries, South East (Luchenza) and Central East (Kasungu) which are yet to be operationalized.

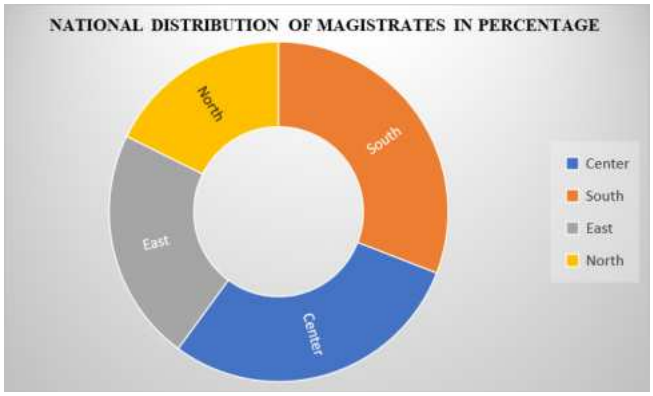
Mombezi Magistrate Court in Chiradzulu district. One of the Magistrate Courts.

Below the Chief Resident Magistrate is the Principal Resident Magistrate, Senior Resident Magistrate, and lay magistrates who are graded as follows: First Grade; Second Grade; and Third Grade Magistrates.

DISTRIBUTION OF MAGISTRATES IN MALAWI

In the year 2024, there were 243 magistrates out of which 169 were male and 74 female. Out of 243 magistrates, 75 were in CRM South of which 43 were male and 32 were female, another 71 were in CRM Centre of which 51 were male and 20 were female, 43 were in CRM North of which 37 were male and 6 were female and, 54 were in CRM East of which 44 were male and 10 were female.





COURTS OF MAGISTRATES
CENTRAL REGION

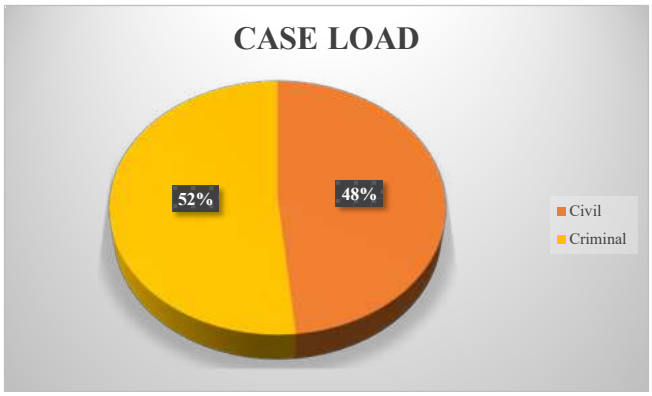
His Worship Austin Banda
Chief Resident Magistrate – Centre

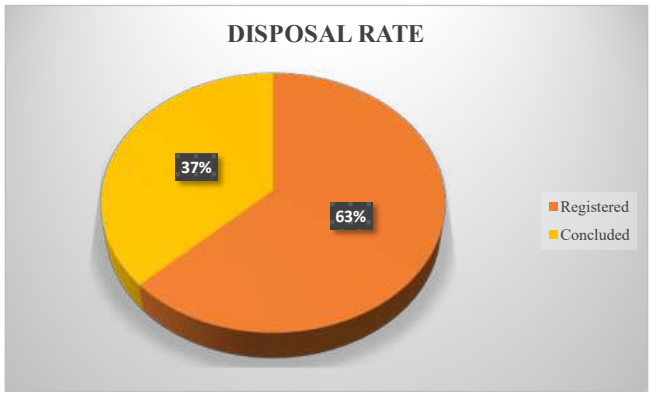
There are 60 court houses in the Central Region of which 36 are functional and 24 are non-functional.

CASE LOAD & STATISTICS

In the year 2024, CRM Centre registered 9,072 criminal cases, 5,702 cases were concluded. They also registered 8,515 civil cases, concluded 4,641 cases, bringing the total to 17,587 registered cases and 10,343 concluded cases.

Case Type	Registered	Concluded
Civil	8515	4641
Criminal	9072	5702
TOTAL	**17587**	**10343**





COURTS OF MAGISTRATES

SOUTHERN REGION

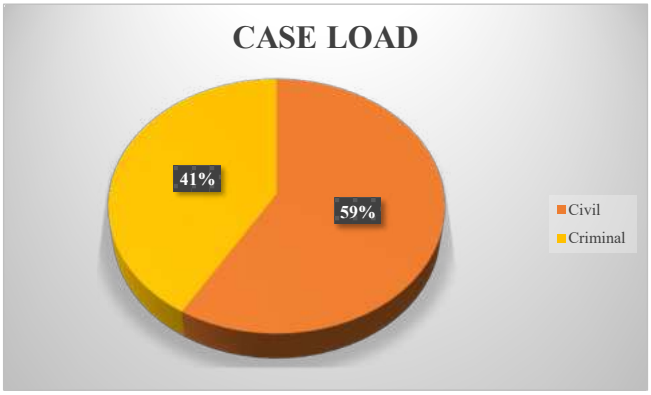
His Worship Paul Chiotcha
Chief Resident Magistrate – South

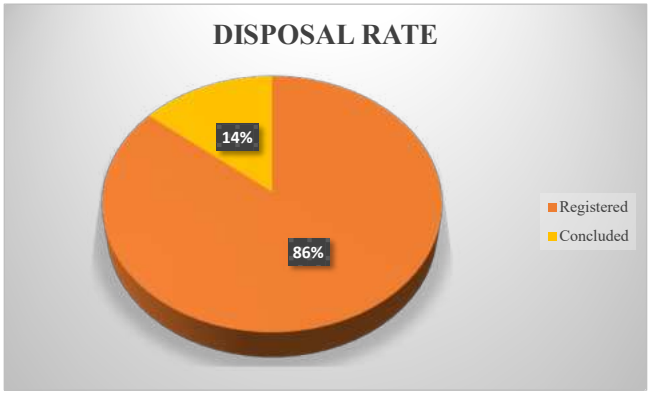
There are 61 court houses in the Southern Region of which 34 are functional and 27 are non-functional.

CASE LOAD & STATISTICS

In the year 2024, CRM South registered 8,300 criminal cases, 1,963 cases concluded. They also registered 11,783 civil cases, concluded 1,319 cases, bringing the total to 20,083 registered cases, 3,282 concluded cases.

Case Type	Registered	Concluded
Civil	11783	1319
Criminal	8300	1963
TOTAL	**20083**	**3282**





COURTS OF MAGISTRATES

EASTERN REGION

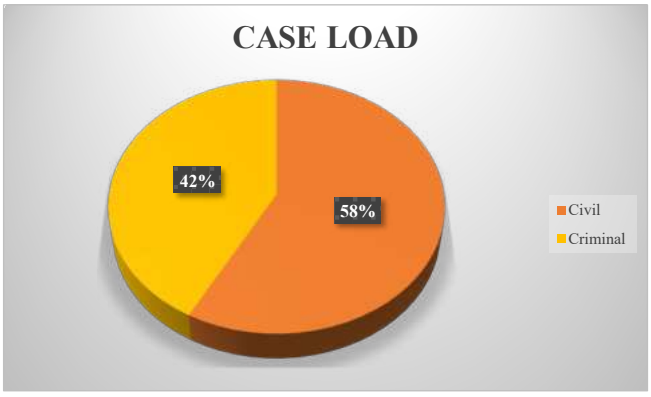
Her Worship Ellen Chapita Banda
Acting Chief Resident Magistrate – East

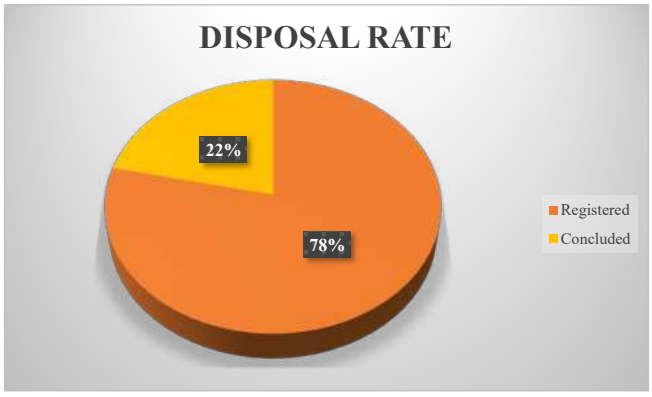
There are 46 court houses in the Eastern Region of which 30 are functional and 16 are non-functional.

CASE LOAD & STATISTICS

In the year 2024, CRM East registered 2,838 criminal cases, 1,121 cases were concluded. They also registered 3,911 civil cases, concluded 732 cases, bringing the total to 6,749 registered cases, 1,853 concluded cases.

Case Type	Registered	Concluded
Civil	3911	732
Criminal	2838	1121
TOTAL	**6749**	**1853**





COURTS OF MAGISTRATES

NORTHERN REGION

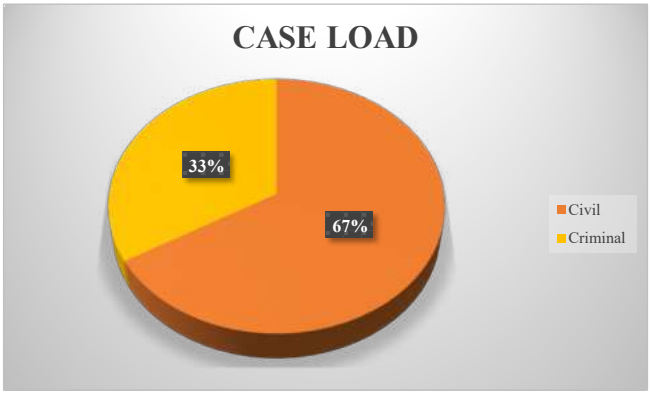
His Worship Godfrey Balaka
Acting Chief Resident Magistrate – North

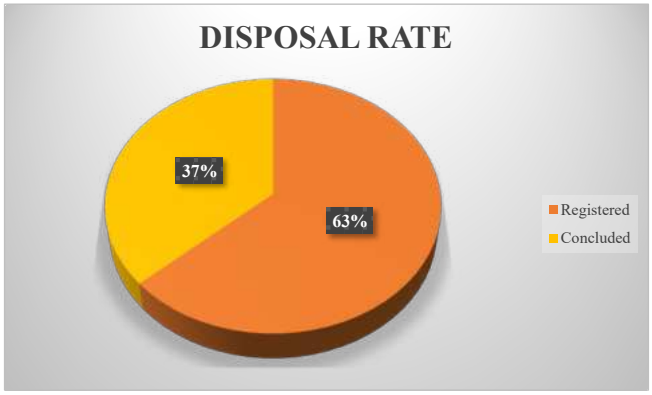
There are 44 court houses in the Northern Region of which 31 are functional and 13 are non-functional.

CASE LOAD & STATISTICS

In the year 2024, CRM North registered 4,134 criminal cases, 2,325 cases were concluded. They also registered 8,227 civil cases, concluded 4,803 cases, bringing the total to 12,361 registered cases, 7,128 concluded cases.

Case Type	Registered	Concluded
Civil	8227	4803
Criminal	4134	2325
TOTAL	**12361**	**7128**





DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND LIBRARY SERVICES

This Department is responsible for providing judicial research, library and archiving services. Judicial research officers are attached to Courts to provide research support to judicial officers.

The library and archiving function of the Department involves collection and provision of access to all published and unpublished materials in the Judiciary. This ensures dissemination of information and preservation of institutional and cultural memory.

RESEARCH SECTION

The Division is headed by a Chief Judicial Research Officer. However, the position is vacant. In the meantime, the duties of that office are being performed by the Principal Judicial Research Officer, His Honour Wahabi Paison Shaibu.

Currently, the Division has 12 Judicial Research Officers and are assigned as follows: Supreme Court of Appeal (2), Principal Registry (4), Lilongwe District Registry (2), Commercial Division (2), Mzuzu District Registry (2) and Zomba District Registry (1).

The Chief Justice pose for a photograph with Judicial Research Officers

DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND LIBRARY SERVICES

His Honour Wahabi Paison Shaibu
Principal Judicial Research Officer

LIBRARY SERVICES SECTION

The Judiciary has libraries at Chichiri Court Premises, High Court Commercial Division Blantyre, High Court Civil Division Lilongwe and High Court Mzuzu. The libraries are open to the public.

DEPARTMENT OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Court administration involves the performance of many functions including human resource management, fiscal and financial management, case flow management, information and technology management, jury management, infrastructural or estate development, public relations, intergovernmental liaison, security, procurement, court reporting, court interpretation and advisory services. Some of the managerial functions overlap with judicial functions. This is also reflected in the Judicature Administration Act ("the Act") which vests such responsibility in the offices of the Registrar of the High Court and the Supreme Court of Appeal, and the Chief Courts Administrator.

The Chief Courts Administrator is the most senior member of staff of the Judiciary. Under the Act, he or she is responsible for overseeing the general administration (including security, procurement, information and technology management, infrastructural development, financial and fiscal management, and human resource management) of the Judiciary.

According to section 3 of the Act, the Chief Courts Administrator is subordinate to the Registrar but in the discharge of functions and duties, he or she is subject to the direction of the Chief Justice. The Act also governs the terms and conditions of service for members of staff of the Judiciary who, under the Act, are all non-judicial officers.

Mrs. Edith W. Chikagwa
Chief Courts Administrator

Mr. Albert I. Phikani
Deputy Chief Courts Administrator

DEPARTMENT OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Mervis Kaphinde
Assistant Chief Courts Administrator - CRM/South

Mr. Godfrey Kapana
Assistant Chief Courts Administrator - Headquarters

Mr. Charles Munthali
Assistant Chief Courts Administrator - CRM/Centre

Mr. Victor Kachingwe
Acting Regional Courts Administrator - East

Mr. Christopher Njala
Acting Regional Courts Administrator - North

Mr. James Samuti
Court Administrator - Supreme Court of Appeal

NAME	DESIGNATION
Mrs. Edith W. Chikagwa	Chief Courts Administrator
Mr. Albert I. Phikani	Deputy Chief Courts Administrator (on secondment to United Nations Mission to South Sudan)
Mrs. Mervis Kaphinde	Assistant Chief Courts Administrator – South
Mr. Godfrey Kapana	Assistant Chief Courts Administrator – Headquarters
Mr. Charles Munthali	Assistant Chief Courts Administrator - Centre
Mr. Kenneth Isaac	Principal Courts Administrator (on secondment to United Nations Mission to South Sudan)
Mr. Phunziro Kwisongole	Principal Administrative Officer – Financial and Economic Crimes Division (Lilongwe)
Mr. Albert Bisalomo	Principal Courts Administrator – Commercial Division (Lilongwe)
Ms Carol Msukwa	Principal Courts Administrator – Civil Division (Lilongwe)
Mr. Hytone Kadyamo	Regional Courts Administrator – North (on secondment to United Nations Mission to South Sudan)
Mrs. Edah Malalanje	Courts Administrator – Criminal Division (Lilongwe)
Mr. James Samuti	Courts Administrator – Supreme Court of Appeal
Mr. Victor Kachingwe	(Human Resource Management Officer) Acting Regional Courts Administrator - East
Mr. Christopher Njala	(Senior Assistant Community Service Officer) Acting Regional Courts Administrator – North

Chapter 9

DEPARTMENT OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The Division is responsible for recruitment, deployment, promotions, training, management of human resource personal information, facilitating disciplinary procedures, and implementation of conditions of service.

The Division is headed by a Director of Human Resource Management and Development. However, the position is vacant. In the meantime, the duties of that office are being performed by a Deputy Director. The Deputy Director is assisted by the Chief Human Resource Management Officer and Human Resource Management Officers.

(a) RECRUITMENT

The Division coordinated the recruitment of High Court Judge (4) Under Sheriff (1) Chief Human Resource Management Officer (1), Principal Assistant Sheriff (1), Principal Personal Secretary (2), Principal Accountant (1), Accountant (1), Personal Secretary (10), Court Reporter (8), ICT Technician (3), Maintenance Supervisor (1), Accounts Assistant (40), Court Clerk (19), Driver (14), and Security Guard (15).

(b) ATTRITION

The following members are no longer in the service in the Judiciary on account of:

(i) RETIREMENT

In the year 2024, a number of Judicial officers and Members of Staff of the Judiciary retired from service. Those who retired are the following:

No	Name	Position	Date	Duty Station
1	Lemison Taipi	Driver	31.01.24	Headquarters
2	Fabiano Gabriel	First Sergeant Messenger	02.01.24	Balaka District Magistrate Court-CRM East
3	Alfred Juma	Building Foreman	07.01.24	Regional Office, CRM Centre,
4	Elson Mwale	Assistant Sheriff	07.01.24	High Court Lilongwe District Registry
5	Lifton Makina	Second Sergeant Messenger	15.01.24	Dowa District Magistrate Court-CRM Centre
6	Jamester Mkuzi	Senior Court Clerk	10.01.24	Chigodi Magistrate Court-CRM Centre
7	Fluness Kholomana	First Sergeant Messenger	13.02.24	Ciommercial Division-HighCourt Principal Registry
8	Bisati Chobva	Corporal Messenger	23.02.24	Mkukula Magistrate Court-CRM Centre
9	Marko Ziyenda	First Sergeant Messenger	25.02.24	Salima District Magistrate Court-CRM Centre
10	Levison Bilifi	Court Clerk	31.03.24	Nsanje District Magistrate Court-CRM South
11	Lucious Mbotera	Corporal Messenger	06.03.24	Chikwembere Magistrate Court-CRM South
12	Edson Nhlane	Driver	09.0324	Mzuzu District Registry

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13	James Khumbanyiwa	Corporal Messenger	04.04.24	Mangochi District Magistrate Court-CRM East
14	Hilda Manyungwa	Senior Court Clerk	30.04.24	Regional Office-CRM East
15	Demera Dyson	Corporal Messenger	19.04.24	Mkhaza District Magistrate Court-CRM Centre
16	Jossy Sibale	Second Sergeant Messenger	14.05.24	Chitipa District Magistrate Court-CRM North
17	Alfred Kanjala	First Sergeant Messenger	07.05.24	Mwanza District Magistrate Court-CRM South
18	Lifred Musowa	First Sergeant Messenger	07.05.24	Regional Office, CRM East
19	Watson Chimphepo	Senior Accounts Assistant	24.06.24	Regional Office, CRM East
20	Stella Dyton	Corporal Messenger	31.05.24	Chiseka Magistrate Court-CRM Centre
21	Mary Lisiya	Senior Court Clerk	19.06.24	Mkukula Magistrate Court-CRM Centre
22	Adamson Bwanali	Senior Court Clerk	10.06.24	Mangochi District Magistrate Court-CRM East
23	Wilfred Nyambose	First Sergeant Messenger	04.06.24	Rumphi District Magistrate Court-CRM North
24	Viva Nyimba	Deputy Chairperson	16.05.24	Industrial Relations Court-Centre
25	Vincent Madukani	Corporal Messenger	15.06.24	Chiradzulu District Magistrate Court-CRM South
26	Ethel Ndunya Chisale	Principal Personal Secretary	18.06.24	Civil Division, Highcourt Principal Registry
27	Emily Kabvala	Copy Typist	25.07.24	Supreme Court of Appeal
28	Madakiwa Mdazika	Corporal Messenger	31.07.24	Regional Office-CRM North
29	Mitolonje Balala	First Sergeant Messenger	07.07.24	Highcourt Zomba District Registry
30	Piery Chidzondo	Senior Court Clerk	10.07.24	Thindi Magistrate Court-CRM Centre
31	John Kaphamtengo	Corporal Messenger	02.08.24	Mkukula Magistrate Court-CRM Centre
32	Obbings Mogha	Court Clerk	01.09. 24	Mzimba District Magistrate Court-CRM North
33	Bruno Hepeni	Security Guard	07.09.24	Supreme Court of Appeal
34	Justin Nachuma	Court Marshal	07.09.24	Headquarters
35	Hendersom Lomosi	First Sergeant Messenger	15.09.24	Salima District Magistrate Court-Centre
36	Daniso A. Mziya	Senior Court Clerk	30.09.24	Ephangweni- CRM North
37	Falling Phiri	First Sergeant Messenger	17.07.24	Ntchisi District Magistrate Court-CRM Centre
38	Lawrence Yabu	Security Guard	20.09.24	Midima Magistrate Court-CRM South

39	Phillip Wyson	Driver	30.09.24	Criminal Division-High Court Principal Registry
40	Patrick Mchawa	Senior Court Clerk	02.11.24	Makande Magistrate Court- CRM South
41	Moses Mbwele	Corporal Messenger	04.11.24	Nkhata Bay District Magistrate Court-CRM North
42	Harrison Makatani	Accounts Assistant	30.12.24	Regional Office-CRM South

(ii) RESIGNATIONS

In the year 2024, the following officers resigned from the Judiciary:

No	Name	Position	Date	Duty Station
1	Susan Ngwalero	Assistant Procurement Officer	11.01.24	Regional Office, CRM Centre
2	Getrude Kalilombe	Assistant Procurement Officer	30.01.24	Regional Office-CRM East
3	Lumbani Banda	Court Marshal	31.01.24	Chikwawa Magistrate Court-CRM South
4	Precious Goba	Driver	01.03.24	Regional Office-CRM East
5	Thandi Mtosa	Senior Court Clerk	11.03.24	Zomba Magistrate Court-CRM East
6	Binart Kachule	Principal ICT Officer	28.03.24	Headquarters
7	Richard Balaka	Human Resource Management Officer	30.08.24	Headquarters
8	Twaisa Herbert	Court Marshal	08.08.24	Ntcheu Magistrate Court-CRM East
9	Neema Chithuli	Court Marshal	25.10.24	Family and Probate Division-HighCourt Lilongwe District Regisrty
10	Greenwell Njikho	Assistant Accountant	01.12.24	Commercial Division-HighCourt Mzuzu District Registry

(iii) DISMISSALS

In the year 2024, the following officers were dismissed from the Judiciary:

No	Name	Position	Date	Duty Station
1	Emmanuel Kamanga	Assistant Accountant	22.03.24	Headquarters

(iv) DEATHS

In the year 2024, the Judiciary lost the following officers:

No	NAME	POSITION	DATE	DUTY STATION
1	H/W Soka Banda	First Grade Magistrate	17.02.24	Regional Office, CRM South
2	H/W Mtunduwatha Mpasu	First Grade Magistrate	21.03.24	Mangochi District Magistrate Court-CRM East

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3	H/W Andrew Chikhodzole	Second Grade Magistrate	17.10.24	Mikundi Magistrate Court-CRM Centre
4	Grevazio Tayali	Corporal Messenger	20.10.24	Monkey Bay Magistrate Court-CRM East
5	H/W Maria Mkandawire	Third Grade Magistrate	12.11.24	Emchisweni Magistrate Court-CRM North
6.	Yohane Chibwe	Court Marshal	13.12.24	Chigodi Magistrate Court-CRM Centre
7.	Getrude Mtambalika	Senior Court Reporter	29.12.24	Commercial Division-Lilongwe District Registry
8.	Steven Malekezo	First Sergeant Messenger	30.12.24	Commercial Division-Blantyre District Registry

(c) TRAINING

Training in the Judiciary is governed by the Judiciary Training and Development Policy (the Policy) which was developed in 2005 and revised in 2019 to run until 2024. The Policy provides a framework for ensuring that the Judiciary has a highly competent workforce at all levels and in all areas of its operations. It also provides guidelines, procedures and departmental arrangements that ensure systematic coordination and implementation of training activities. The Policy also spells out the roles of various stakeholders in managing training in the Judiciary.

Training Activities for the year 2024.

(i) Long Term Training

No	Name of Officer	Position	Programme Course	Institution	Date of Commencement of Studies	Period of Study
PhD						
1	Hon Justice Fiona Mwale	Judge	PhD in Public Law	University of Cape Town	January 2023	3 years
2	Hon Justice Patrick Chirwa	Judge	PhD in Public Law	University of Cape Town	January 2023	3 years
3	Hon Justice Dorothy Degabrielle	Judge	PhD in Governance and Electoral Justice	University of Warwick, United Kingdom	2021	4 years
4	H/H Chikondi Mandala	Deputy Chairperson	PhD in Socio-legal studies	University of Kent, United Kingdom	2021	4 years
5	H/W Mateo Chitha	Senior Resident Magistrate	PhD in law	University of Auckland, New Zealand	August 2024	4 years

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MASTERS DEGREE						
6	Hon Justice Gladys Gondwe	Judge	Masters of Law in International Commercial Arbitration	Pepperdine University, USA	July 2024	1 year
7	H / H Thokozani Soko	Assistant Registrar	Master of Laws in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy	University of Galway	27th August 2023 (Completed in 2024)	1 year
8	H/H Lisa Chingoli	Acting Assistant Registrar	Master of Laws in Commercial Law	University of Birmingham	18th September 2023 (Completed in 2024)	1 year
9	H/H Biar Kamanga	Acting Assistant Registrar	Master of Laws in Commercial Law	University of Malawi	16th January 2023	2 years
BACHELORS						
10	H / W Mphalulo Fatch	Magistrate	Bachelor of Laws	Catholic University	20th February 2023	3 years
11	H/W Patrick Austin Kachingwe	Magistrate	Bachelor of Laws	Catholic University	20th February 2023	3 years
12	H/W Veronica Mussa	Magistrate	Bachelor of Laws	Catholic University	20th February 2023	4 years
13	H/W Andrea Nyirongo	Magistrate	Bachelor of Laws	Catholic University	20th February 2023	3years
14	H/W Josen Katsekera	Magistrate	Bachelor of Laws	Catholic University	20th February 2023	3 years
15	H/W Nancy Mtonda	Magistrate	Bachelor of Laws	University of Malawi	25th September 2023	4 years
16	Mr. Frank B. Ng'ambi	Court Clerk	Bachelor of Social Science in Human Rights	University of Livingstonia	25th June 2023	4 years
DIPLOMA						
17	Mr. Erick Ndhlazi	Court Clerk	Diploma in Law	University of Malawi	13th September 2023	2 years
18	Mr. Benjamin Kamanga	Court Clerk	Diploma in Law	University of Malawi	13th September 2023	2 years

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(ii) Short Term Training
Funded by the Judiciary

No	Course Title	Participants	Dates
1	Induction seminar for Deputy Directors and Senior Courts Administrators	Deputy directors (3) and Senior Courts Administrators (2)	4th to 5th April, 2024
2	Advanced Government Accounting, ESAMI, Lusaka	Mr. Christopher Gangata	15th - 27th April 2024
3	Electronic Records Management, ESAMI, Arusha	Mrs. Juliet Munthali, Mrs. Shida Mukhondya and Mrs. Mildred Misomali	13th – 31st May, 2024
4	Training of Trainers, ESAMI, Arusha	Mr. James John Samuti	22nd - 26th July, 2024
5	Induction for newly Appointed High Court Judges	High Court Judges (4)	16th to 20th September, 2024
6	Customer care and communication skills, ESAMI, Mombasa	Mrs. Catherine Nathaniel, Mrs. Loveness Chikalamba and Mrs. Felistas Munthali	2nd to 13th September, 2024
7	Forensic Accounting in the Public Sector, ESAMI, Arusha	Miss Lynes Chesaphanga	2nd to 20th September, 2024
8	Trooper refresher course	Troopers (46)	13th September, 2024
9	Training workshop for Clerks - Centre	Clerks (28)	31st October, to 1st November, 2024.
10	Project Planning and implementation, ESAMI, Arusha	Mr. Redson Mphande	07th to 18th October, 2024
11	Proposal writing and Resource Mobilisation, ESAMI, Arusha	Justice Joseph Chigona, H/H Kingsley Mulungu, Mr. Godfrey Kapana, and Miss Nellie Mchenga	18th – 22nd November 2024
12	Integrated Financial Management Information Systems (IFMIS) Implementation, Use and control, ESAMI, Arusha	Mr. Joseph Ng'oma and Mr. Saidi Mussa	18th to 29th November 2024
13	Perspectives on Cost Accounting for Public Sector, ESAMI, Arusha	Mr. Grey Gomani	9th - 13th December, 2024.

Funded by Development Partners

No	Course Title	Participants	Dates	Partner
1	Conference on Excise Tax	Judges, Chief Resident Magistrates (CRMs), Assistant Registrars and Magistrates (42)	22nd February, 2024.	Malawi Revenue Authority

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2	Legal Researchers Training Course	Assistant Registrars, Senior Resident Magistrates and Legal Research Officers (32)	18th to 21st March, 2024.	Judicial Institute for Africa (JIFA)
3	Judges Retreat on Land Related Laws	Justices of Appeal and Judges of the High Court (52)	27th March, 2024	Ministry of Lands.
4	Induction Seminar for Judiciary Committee on Elections	Judiciary Committee on Elections (12)	18th April, 2024.	Malawi Electoral Commission
5	Judges Symposium on Wildlife Crimes	Judges of the High Court (18)	3rd May, 2024.	Lilongwe Wildlife Trust
6	Training of Trainers for the Judiciary Anti – sexual Harassment Policy.	Justice of Appeal, Judges of the High Court, Assistant Registrars, Magistrates and Human Resource Officers (25)	5th June, 2024	Gender Justice Unit
7	Annual Judiciary Wildlife and Forestry Case Review Workshop	Magistrates (48)	1st to 2nd August, 2024	Lilongwe Wildlife Trust
8	Joint Stakeholder Engagement Meeting on the Electricity (Amendments) Act 2024 - Southern Region	Magistrates (38)	5th, 7th, 9th and 12th August, 2024	Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi (ESCOM)
9	Training on Gender, Disability and Child Related Laws	Magistrates, Police Officers and Clerks (18)	21st to 22nd August, 2024	Malawi Human Rights Commission (MHRC)
10	Training of Magistrates on the Trafficking in Persons	Magistrates (25)	23rd to 24th September, 202	CADECOM – Blantyre
11	Workshop on Pharmacy and Medicines Regulatory Authority 2019 Act	Magistrates (37)	3rd to 4th October, 2024 14th to 15th December, 2024	PMRA
12	Training workshop on Legal and procedural safeguards against torture and ill-treatment in detention – Southern and Eastern Region	Professional and Lay Magistrates (30)	1st to 2nd November, 2024 4th to 5th November, 2024	International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI), Irish Rule of Law International (IRLI) and Reprieve

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13	Magistrates Training on Judicial Ethics and integrity	Magistrates (64)	11th, 13th and 18th November, 2024	Irish Rule of Law International (IRLI)
14	Sensitization Workshop on HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Management) Act 2018.	Magistrates (96)	16th, 17th, 19th and 23rd December, 2024	National Aids Commission (NAC)

Mrs. Naomi Kwerani
Deputy Director, Human Resource

Name	Designation	Duty Station
Mrs. Naomi Kwerani	Deputy Director	Headquarters
Mrs. Bertha Pidini	Chief Human Resource Management Officer	Headquarters
Mr. Leckson Huwa	Human Resource Management Officer	CRM Centre
Mr. Andy Haliwa	Human Resource Management Officer	CRM South
Mr. Victor Kachingwe	Human Resource Management Officer	CRM East
Mr. Alick Hara	Human Resource Management Officer	CRM North

Chapter 9

DEPARTMENT OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

FINANCE DIVISION

The Division is responsible for the efficient management of financial resources for the Judiciary.
The Division is headed by a Director of Finance. In the meantime, the position is vacant. However, the duties of that office are being performed by a Deputy Director of Finance. The Deputy Director is assisted by Principal Accountant and 5 Accountants.

In the 2024/2025 Financial Year, the Judiciary had an approved budget of K38,225,395,294 comprising K16,878,134,141.00 for Personal Emoluments (PE), K19,656,430,303.00 for Other Recurrent Transactions (ORT) and K1, 690, 830, 850.00 for Development Part II .

At Mid-Year Review the budget was revised to K44,414,182,382.00 of which PE was K28,009,676,684.00, ORT was K14,800,307,859.00 and Development was K1,604,197,839.00.

This budget was allocated to the cost centers of the Judiciary's three (3) Votes as follows:–

Vote 070: Office of The Chief Justice

Name of Cost Center/Program/Sub-program	Approved Budget 2024/25	Revised Budget 2024/25
070001 Headquarters	7,202,392,052.00	5,993,879,296.00
070010 Child Justice Directorate	53,597,225.00	53,597,225.00
070014 Community Services Directorate	40,474,155.00	40,474,155.00
070018 Malawi Institute of Legal Education	100,983,797.00	100,983,797.00
070023 Judicial Policy	716,628,572.00	716,628,572.00
Total Other Recurrent Transactions (ORT)	**8,114,075,801.00**	**6,905,563,045.00**
Total Personal Emoluments (PE)	**16,878,134,141.00**	**28,009,676,684.00**
Total Development	**1,690,830,850.00**	**1,604,197,839.00**
Grand Total - Vote 070: Office of The Chief Justice	**26,683,040,792.00**	**36,519,437,568.00**

Vote 071: Supreme Court of Appeal

Name of Cost center	Approved Budget 2024/25	Revised Budget 2024/25
Supreme Court of Appeal	1,933,590,500.00	1,253,525,031.00
Grand Total - Vote 071: Supreme Court of Appeal	**1,933,590,500.00**	**1,253,525,031.00**

Vote: 072: High Courts and Subordinate Courts

Name of Cost center	Approved Budget 2024/25	Revised Budget 2024/25
001- Chief Resident Magistrate (South)	658,671,416.00	530,169,832.00
002- Chief Resident Magistrate (Centre)	662,177,714.00	532,992,079.00
003- Chief Resident Magistrate (North)	588,634,956.00	473,796,932.00
004- Chief Resident Magistrate (East)	576,696,306.00	464,187,418.00
005- Lilongwe District Registry	411,484,190.00	331,206,879.00
006- Mzuzu District Registry	464,817,524.00	374,135,301.00
007- Zomba District Registry	464,817,526.00	374,135,303.00
008- Commercial Court Division	308,613,144.00	248,405,161.00
009- Industrial Relations Court Blantyre Headquarters	399,127,248.00	346,103,381.00

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010- Commercial Court - Lilongwe Registry	308,613,143.00	248,405,160.00
011- Criminal Court Division	760,226,285.00	611,912,150.00
012- Revenue division	225,742,095.00	181,701,598.00
013- Criminal Court Division - Lilongwe registry	647,688,571.00	521,329,653.00
014- Industrial Court - Lilongwe registry	306,762,827.00	246,401,311.00
015- Industrial Court - Mzuzu Registry	176,374,147.00	141,964,946.00
016 - Civil Court Division - Blantyre Registry	1,912,535,238.00	414,008,599.00
017 - Family and Probate	205,742,095.00	165,603,440.00
018 - Mzuzu Commercial Division	99,871,047.00	80,386,995.00
019 -Zomba Industrial Relations Court	121,555,387.00	105,968,485.00
020 -Financial and Econcomic Crimes Division	308,613,143.00	248,405,160.00
Grand Total Vote 072: High Courts and Subordinate Courts	**9,608,764,002.00**	**6,641,219,783.00**

Mr. Unusu I. Kamwana
Deputy Director of Finance

Name	Designation	Duty Station
Mr. Unusu Kamwana	Deputy Director	Headquarters
Mr. Edward Chisanu	Principal Accountant	Headquarters
Mr. Edward Kabuthu	Principal Accountant	Headquarters
Mr. Samuel Manyowa	Accountant	Headquarters
Mr. Joseph Ng'oma	Accountant	Civil Division – Lilongwe
Mrs. Royce Kapira Msiska	Accountant	Commercial Court – Lilongwe
Mr. Runwell Mwakisulu	Accountant	Headquarters
Mrs. Ruth Mpaso	Accountant	Financial Crimes – Lilongwe
Mrs. Chikondi Mbulaje	Accountant	Criminal Division – Lilongwe
Mr. Samuel Dzowera	Accountant	CRM East
Mr. Roberto Mponera Shora	Accountant	High Court – Mzuzu
Mr. Daudi Matolano	Accountant	High Court – Zomba
Mr. Walusungu Kumwenda	Accountant	Headquarters

DEPARTMENT OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

The Division is responsible for the development, management and maintenance of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure in the Judiciary. This includes offering support to users of ICT, development and implementation of computer systems, computer network and hardware management.

The Division is headed by a Director. However, the position is vacant. In the meantime, the duties of that office are being performed by a Deputy Director. The Deputy Director is assisted by 3 Principal System Analysts.

In the year 2024 the Division carried out the following activities:

(a) Installation of Video Conference Facilities
The Video Conference Facilities were installed in the following Magistrates Courts: CRM North, CRM East, Karonga, Chitipa, Uliwa and Thyolo. The Video Conference facilities will enable the conduct of virtual court sessions allowing other justice sector institutions and members of the general public access the courts in circumstances where physical presence at the court is not possible for various reasons. The video conferencing facilities installed were funded by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

(b) Development of an ICT Policy and a Digital Transformation Roadmap
The Division is overseeing the development of an ICT Policy and a Digital Transformation Roadmap. While the policy aims at giving guidance and direction of controls over information and communications technology, the roadmap on the other hand outlines the steps and timelines for leveraging digital technologies in improving efficiency and access to justice.

Mr. Innocent Mzoma
Deputy Director, ICT

NAME	DESIGNATION	DUTY STATION
Mr. Innocent Mzoma	Deputy Director	Headquarters
Mr. Kumbukani Chiwoni	Principal Systems Analyst	Headquarters
Mr. Dingiswayo Chapomba	Principal Systems Analyst	Zomba High Court
Mr. Blessings Kamwera	Principal Systems Analyst	Lilongwe – Criminal Division

DEPARTMENT OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL OF ASSETS DIVISION

The Division is responsible for the acquisition and disposal of goods, services and works in the Judiciary. Some of the procurement is centrally done at the headquarters such as procurement of motor vehicles for judges, motor vehicle insurance for judges, regalia for judges, procurement of medical cover for judges, consultancy services, and major court rehabilitation works while the procurement of other goods and services and disposal of those goods is decentralized.

The Division is headed by a Chief Procurement Officer. However, the position is vacant. In the meantime, the duties of that office are being performed by a Procurement Officer.

Mr. Yohane Singano
Procurement Officer

Some of the major procurements in the year 2024:

No	Details of the Procurement	Value (MWK)
1	Procurement of Motor Vehicles	906,881,835.00
2	Procurement of Medical Cover Insurance for Judges	195,510,000.00
3	Procurement of Judges Regalia	308,623,812.87
4	Procurement of Motor Vehicle Insurance Services	185,457,520.08
5	Construction of Perimeter Fence at Criminal Division, Lilongwe Registry and CRM Centre	567,557,059.80
6	Construction of High Security Fence for Judicial Complex at Lilongwe	2,896,061,044.64

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Stanford Magwira, Corporal Messenger, ready to serve a summon for a case before a Magistrate.

COURT REPORTING SECTION

The Division is responsible for recording and transcribing court proceedings for purposes of maintaining and producing court records for the High Court and Supreme Court of Appeal which are courts of record.

The Division is headed by a Chief Court Reporter. However, the position is vacant. In the meantime, the duties of that office are being performed by the Principal Court Reporter.

Mr. Charles Mutinti
Principal Court Reporter

DEPARTMENT OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION
ESTATE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The Judiciary has physical court infrastructure country wide. The court infrastructure is not adequate to meet the demand for office and court accommodation of the Judiciary. Most of it is in dilapidated state. As a result, some court centres are accommodated in rented premises, while others are operating from dilapidated premises or have been rendered non-functional. This has and continues to negatively affect the efficient and effective delivery of services to the public. Using the existing Infrastructure Development Plan, the Judiciary continued with the rehabilitation and construction of suitable court infrastructure.

Infrastructure development is implemented through funding from Government of Malawi under Public Sector Infrastructure Programme (PSIP) and various development partners as and when available.

Infrastructure development falls under the Estates Management Division which is headed by the Principal Maintenance Officer.

Mr. Redson Mphande
Principal Maintenance Officer

In the year 2024, the Division coordinated the following projects:

(a) The Judicial Complex Project

The construction of high security perimiter fence and its associated works at the site of the Judiciary Headquarters Complex commenced in July 2024 and is expected to be completed in June 2025. So far, the completion rate is at 34%. The first phase is wholly funded by the Malawi Government. The second phase, which will be the construction of the main office complex will be funded by the Chinese Governement. The construction works are expected to commence towards the end of the year 2025 after the processes of reviewing and necessary approvals have been completed.

Columns custing for main gate house(Phase1)

Steel fixing on one of the gate houses(Phase1)

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(b) Commercial Court Construction Project

In the year under review, the following activities were executed:

i. Construction of the main power line from Namiwawa Primary School to the transformer site;
ii. Construction of the concrete plinth, including a base for the transformer and its wire fence;
iii. Installation of the kiosk, which houses all breakers and the main power switch; and
iv. Installation of the transformer and power connection to the transformer.

The remaining tasks before occupation of the building include connection of power to the building, finalizing the installation of: (a) court recording system; (b) signage; (c) CCTV; and (d) telephones.

(c) Construction of Perimeter Fence at Criminal Division, Lilongwe Registry and CRM Centre

The construction works commenced commenced in May 2024 and were expected to be completed in November 2024. So far, the completion rate is at 30%.

Part of the perimeter fence under construction at Criminal Division, Lilongwe Registry and CRM Centre

(d) Benga Magistrate Court

The maintenance works commenced in May 2024 and were successfully completed in July 2024. The structure was officially handed over to the Judiciary by the contractor.

Benga Magistrate Court before renovation (left) and after renovation (right)

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SECURITY SERVICES DIVISION

The Division is responsible for ensuring the safety and security of personnel and premises of the Judiciary. It is headed by a Chief Security Officer. However, the position is vacant. In the meantime, the duties of that office are being performed by a Security Officer.

Currently, the Section has 4 security officers, 46 troopers and 240 guards across the country. Security officers who supervise troopers and guards are assigned as follows: Principal Registry (1), Lilongwe District Registry (1), Mzuzu District Registry (1) and Zomba District Registry (1).

In the year under review, the Division, among other activities, trained Troopers in weapon and tactical management.

Mr. John Msambakusi
Security Officer

Name	Designation	Duty Station
Mr. John Sambakunsi	Security Officer	Headquarters
Mr. Jimmy Kaimfa	Security Officer	High Court, Lilongwe
Mr. Evance Mwayisango	Security Officer	High Court, Mzuzu
Mr. Allan Siziki	Security Officer	High Court, Zomba

DEPARTMENT OF COURTS ADMINISTRATION

INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT

The Unit is responsible for appraising the adequacy of internal control systems and the utilization of financial and material resources of the Judiciary. It also advises the Registrar and the Chief Justice on matters of finance and material resources.

The Unit is headed by a Chief Internal Auditor. In the meantime, the position is vacant. However, the duties of that office are being performed by a Principal Internal Auditor.

In the year 2024 the Unit carried out routine internal audit inspections at Judiciary Headquarters, and the following magistrates courts: (a) Chief Resident Magistrate Court (South), (b) Limbe Dalton, (c) Blantyre Central, (d) Midima, (e) Chitipa, (f) Karonga, (g) Ngerenge, (h) Rumphi, (i) Nkhata Bay, (j) Mzimba South, and Mzuzu Child Justice Court.

Mr. Peter Magwanyama
Principal Internal Auditor

Name	Designation
Mr. Peter Magwanyama	Principal Internal Auditor
Mrs. Linda Mussa	Internal Auditor
Mr. Dapheli Thomas Meso	Assistant Internal Auditor
Mr. Jona Ngamanya Mwalughali	Internal Audit Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND POLICY SERVICES

The Department was established following a functional review of the Judiciary, approved in 2021, and became operational in January 2023. The broad mandate of the Department is strategy design and implementation, data management, programme management, and monitoring and evaluation.

Specifically, the Department coordinates the development, implementation, and review of strategic plans , policies, budgets, programmes, and the Performance Management System.

The Department is headed by the Director. However, the position is vacant. In the meantime, the duties of that office are being performed by the Principal Planning and Development Officer, Mr. Zikani Msuku.

Mr. Zikani Msuku
Principal Planning and Development Officer

NAME	DESIGNATION	DUTY STATION
Mr. Zikani Msuku	Principal Planning and Development Officer	Headquarters
Mr. Ausmane Mwalwanda	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	Headquarters
Mr. Shudden Mwanguku	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	Headquarters

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF MALAWI

The Office of the Sheriff of Malawi is created under the Sheriffs' Act ("the Act"). It has the responsibility of enforcing court orders. Enforcement is the last stage of the judicial process after the legal rights of the parties have been determined.

Enforcement enables a successful party get what has been ordered in the judgment as redress for the wrong committed against the party. Where there is voluntary compliance with a court order, enforcement by the sheriff becomes unnecessary.

The Act empowers the President to appoint a person as Sheriff of Malawi. In the absence of such appointment, the Registrar of the High Court serves as the Sheriff of Malawi. In practice, the day-to-day administration and management of that Office is done by a Deputy Sheriff which position is vacant. In the meantime, the duties of that Office are being performed by an Under Sheriff.

The 2024 statistics for the Office of the Sheriff of Malawi are as follows:

Registry	Originating Court	Orders issued	Executed	Pending
Blantyre	High Court	151	102	49
	Industrial Relations Court	55	40	15
	Magistrate Court	530	438	92
Lilongwe	High Court	83	59	24
	Industrial Relations Court	25	15	10
	Magistrate Court	400	241	159
Mzuzu	High Court	32	30	2
	Industrial Relations Court	14	13	1
	Magistrate Court	456	413	43
Zomba	High Court	29	21	8
	Industrial Relations Court	3	3	0
	Magistrate Court	109	83	26
Total		**1887**	**1458**	**429**

Mr. Imran Matola
Under Sheriff

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD JUSTICE SERVICES

The Department of Child Justice Services aims at improving service delivery in child justice courts. The mandate of the Department is to ensure that the child justice system is fair and humane based on the principle of best interests and welfare of the child as enshrined in the Constitution and the Child Care, Protection and Justice Act. The Department is also a secretariat to the National Child Justice Forum (the Forum) which was established to ensure that a humane child justice system is available to children who are in conflict with the law and those in need of care and protection. The Forum is chaired by Honourable Justice Fiona Mwale.

The Department is headed by a Director. However, the position is vacant. In the meantime, the duties of that office are being performed by a Principal Child Justice Officer.

In the year 2024, the Department and the Forum carried out activities with funding from development partners as follows:

No	Activity	Sponsor	Amount (MWK)
1	Conducted preparatory meeting with service providers and community structures in readiness of Child Justice Court Circuits in Mchinji	Save the Children	6,277,726.00
2	Held a meeting with State and non-state institutions to harmonize conditions for child justice court circuits	Save the Children	3,087,500.00
3	Held community meetings in Dedza and Machinga on child justice and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)	AMREF Health Africa	9,846,710.00
4	Developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the implementation of diversion options.	UNICEF Irish Rule of Law	31,284,242.60 5,062,209.60
5	Held a meeting to assess institutions to be considered for partnership in implementing diversion options in all the four (4) Judicial Regions	UNICEF	14,864,841.40
6	Held Child Case Review Board meeting	CHREAA UNICEF	1,180,080.00 7,587,762.40
7	Reintegrated 30 children released from Chilwa and Mpemba Reformatory centres.	UNICEF	5,673,534.84
8	Analyzed 124 case files for matters involving children to inform training plans for magistrates.	Save the Children	5, 526,000.00
9	Conducted orientation of 30 court and ancillary service personnel on the implementation of Child Justice Court Circuits in Balaka, Mchinji and Machinga	Save the Children	MK 9,085,000.00
10	The Child Case Review Board carried out inspection of places of detention (Reformatory Centres, Police Formations and Prisons) and Child Care Institutions.	UNICEF	19,225,149.60
11	Conducted Child Justice Court Circuits in Balaka and Chikwawa	UNICEF	MK 4,463,488.00

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD JUSTICE SERVICES

Henry Twegha, a Court Clerk, assisting a complainant to register a case relating to child justice.

Mr. Chifundo B. Mbvundula
Principal Child Justice Officer– Child Justice Directorate

MALAWI JUDICIARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Malawi Judiciary Development Programme (MJDP) is the project management unit of the Judiciary and started its operations in 2003. The MJDP coordinates and facilitates the design and implementation of activities funded by development partners.

In 2024, with support from various development partners, the Judiciary carried out the following activities:

a. With funding from UNDP under the Oversight, Human Rights and Rule of Law Project, the Judiciary: (i) revised the Camp Courts Guidelines; (ii) conducted court circuits in targeted satellite courts; and (iii) conducted camp court sessions in all prisons.

b. With funding from the UNDP, the Judiciary: (i) launched video conferencing facilities; (ii) held quarterly meetings of the Technical Working Group Committee; and (iii) hosted the Malawi National e-Justice Conference

Participants of the Malawi National e-Justice Conference pose for a photograph

c. With funding from Irish Rule of Law, the Judiciary conducted training of: (i) 30 judicial officers in legal and procedural safeguards against torture and inhumane treatment in detention; (ii) 24 judicial officers in judicial dialogue on the Mendez Principles; and (iii) 64 judicial officers in ethics and corruption.

d. With funding from UNDP through the Malawi Electoral Support Programme (MESP), the Judiciary: (i) conducted training of judicial officers on electoral dispute resolution; (ii) developed drafts of various rules of procedure for electoral dispute resolution, (iii) collected court judgments on elections cases for law reporting purposes.

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e. Under the European Union Chilungamo II Programme, the Judiciary: (i) held a validation workshop on the Judiciary Sexual Harassment Policy; (ii) developed a draft of the Judiciary Digitalization Strategy; (iii) developed a draft of the Judiciary ICT Policy and Digital Transformation Roadmap; and (iv) conducted meetings for the e-Justice and e-Government case management system task team.

Ms Nellie Mchenga
Acting Coordinator - Malawi Judiciary Development Programme

COMMITTEES OF THE JUDICIARY

The Office of the Chief Justice from time to time constitutes standing committees and ad hoc committees in order to assist in the implementation of policies within the Judiciary.
In 2024, the Judiciary had the following committees:

PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL COMMITTEE

The mandate of this Committee is to develop tools for the assessment of performance of Judicial officers and members of staff.

The Committee is composed of:

i. Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Lovemore P. Chikopa, SC – Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice of Appeal Dorothy nyaKaunda Kamanga SC – Vice Chairperson
iii. Honourable Justice Michael Tembo
iv. Registrar
v. Chief Resident Magistrate (N) – His Worship Paul Chiotcha (now CRM S)
vi. Assistant Registrar - Her Honour Ellen C. Banda (now Acting CRM E) - Secretary
vii. Deputy Chief Courts Administrator – Mr. Albert Phikani
viii. Deputy Director of Human Resources – Mrs. Naomi Kwerani
ix. Member of Staff – Mrs. Caroline Chimtande

JUDICIARY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The mandate of this Committee is to ensure effective communication between the Judiciary and its stakeholders, both within and outside the Judiciary.

The Committee is composed of:

i. Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Lovemore P. Chikopa, SC – Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice John M. Chirwa – Vice Chairperson
iii. Registrar
iv. Chief Resident Magistrate (S) – His Worship Chisomo Msokera (now Acting Deputy Registrar)
v. Chief Courts Administrator – Mrs. Edith W. Chikagwa
vi. Deputy Director of Human Resources – Mrs. Naomi Kwerani
vii. Mr. Andy Haliwa
viii. Mr. Thom Chavinda

DIGITALIZATION COMMITTEE

The mandate of the Committee is to oversee the direction of ICT in the Judiciary.

The Committee is composed of:

i. Honourable Justice of Appeal Frank E. Kapanda, SC – Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice of Appeal Dorothy nyaKaunda Kamanga SC – Vice Chairperson
iii. Honourable Justice Fiona Mwale
iv. Honourable Justice Mandala Mambulasa
v. His Worship Chisomo Msokera (now Acting Deputy Registrar)
vi. Her Honour Florence Msekandiana

vii. Deputy Chief Courts Administrator – Mr. Albert Phikani
viii. Deputy Director of ICT – Mr. Innocent Mzoma
ix. Mrs. Bertha Pidini
x. Mr. Kumbukani Chiwoni

RULES AND LEGAL REFORMS COMMITTEE

The mandate of this Committee is to review and draft rules of procedure under various pieces of legislation dealing with the administration of justice and recommends to the office of the Chief Justice for further action.

The Committee is composed of:

i. Honourable Justice of Appeal John Katsala SC - Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice Kenyatta Nyirenda – Vice Chairperson
iii. Honourable Justice William Y. Msiska
iv. Honourable Justice Maureen Kondowe
v. Honourable Justice Mandala Mambulasa
vi. Principal Judicial Research Officer – His Honour Wahabi Paison Shaibu - Secretary
vii. Attorney General – Honourable Thabo Chakaka Nyirenda
viii. Representative of the Malawi Law Society – Mr. Ian Malera

FUNCTIONAL REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

The mandate of the Committee is to operationalize the recommendations contained in the Functional Review Report on the Judiciary.

The Committee is composed of:

i. Honourable Justice of Appeal Charles M. C. Mkandawire SC – Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice Texious Masoamphambe – Vice Chairperson
iii. Honourable Justice Chimbizgani M. Kacheche
iv. Deputy Registrar – His Honour Innocent Nebi (now Acting Registrar) – Secretary
v. Principal Judicial Research Officer – His Honour Wahabi Shaibu
vi. Chief Courts Administrator – Mrs. Edith Chikagwa
vii. Deputy Director of Human Resources – Mrs. Naomi Kwerani
viii. Acting Deputy Chairperson IRC - His Honour Peter Kandulu
ix. Representative of the Office of the President and Cabinet
x. Representative of the Department of Human Resource Management and Development
xi. Representative of the Treasury

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE COMMITTEE

The mandate of this Committee is to determine Conditions of Service including salaries and allowances for both judicial officers and members of staff of the Judiciary.

The Committee is composed of:

i. Honourable Justice of Appeal Sylvester A. Kalembera SC – Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice Kenan T. Manda – Vice Chairperson
iii. Honourable Justice Ruth Chinangwa

JUDICIARY COMMITTEES

iv. Registrar
v. Senior Deputy Registrar - His Honour Kingsley Mulungu
vi. Assistant Registrar - His Honour Wyson Nkhata (now Acting DCP) – Secretary
vii. Chief Courts Administrator – Mrs. Edith Chikagwa
viii. Deputy Director of Finance – Mr. Unusu Kamwana
ix. Deputy Director of Human Resources – Mrs. Naomi Kwerani
x. First Grade Magistrate – His Worship Kondani Chinangwa
xi. Member of Staff – Mr. Andy Haliwa
xii. Member of Staff – Mr. Charles Lizigeni

JUDICIARY COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The mandate of the Committee is to coordinate and streamline the management of complaints against judicial officers and members of staff.

The Committee is composed of:
i. Honourable Justice of Appeal Dingiswayo K. Madise SC – Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice Michael A. Tembo – Vice Chairperson
iii. Registrar
iv. Chief Courts Administrator
xiii. Deputy Director of Human Resources
v. Her Honour Thokozani Soko (now Acting DCP)
vi. First Grade Magistrate – Her Worship Diana Mangwana

INTERNAL PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

The Committee performs statutory mandates under section 26 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act, Act No. 27 of 2017.

The Committee is composed of:
i. Honourable Justice of Appeal Rowland S. Mbvundula SC – Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice Anneline Kanthambi – Vice Chairperson
iii. Assistant Registrar - His Honour Montfort Misunje
iv. Court Administrator – Mr. James Samuti
v. Principal Accountant – Mr. Edward Chisanu
vi. Procurement Officer – Mr. Yohane Singano - Secretary
vii. Mr. Leckson P. Huwa

JUDICIARY PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

The mandate of the committee is to work together with the pension administrator in the administration of the pension fund for members of staff.

The committee is composed of:
i. Honourable Justice of Appeal Dorothy nyaKaunda Kamanga SC – Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice Vikochi Chima – Vice Chairperson
iii. Honourable Justice Allan Hans Muhome

JUDICIARY COMMITTEES

iv. Her Honour Cecilia Onsewa
v. His Honour Patrick Kamisa
vi. Mrs. Bertha Pidini
vii. Mr. Godfrey Kapana
viii. Miss Emily Mkumba
ix. Mr. Thom Chavinda
x. Miss Emmie Mhone

JUDICIARY ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The mandate of the committee is to advise and recommend to the Chief Justice and the Judiciary institutional arrangements, legislative reforms and administrative mechanisms as well as measures for efficient and effective disposal of election – related disputes.

The committee is composed of:

i. Honourable Justice of Appeal Dorothy nyaKaunda Kamanga SC – Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice Thomson Ligowe – Vice Chairperson
iii. Honourable Justice Annabel Mtalimanja
iv. Honourable Justice Joseph Chigona
v. Honourable Justice Texious Masoamphambe
vi. Honourable Justice Edda Ngwira
vii. His Honour Kondwani Banda (Now Judge)
viii. Chief Courts Administrator – Mrs. Edith Chikagwa
ix. His Worship Paul Chiotcha – Secretary
x. His Honour Wahabi Shaibu
xi. Her Honour Josephine Masamba

JUDICIARY INTEGRITY COMMITTEE

The mandate of this Committee is to facilitate the prevention and reduction of corrupt behaviour in the Judiciary.

The Committee is composed of:

i. Honourable Justice John M. Chirwa - Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice Zione V.J. Ntaba – Vice Chairperson
iii. Honourable Justice Edna Bodole - Secretary
iv. His Worship Watson Mankhanamba
v. Mr. Godfrey Kapana
vi. Mr. Peter Magwanyama
vii. Mrs. Mary Mthunzi

JUDICIAL COMPLEX COMMITTEE

The mandate of this Committee is to oversee the construction of the Judiciary Headquarters Complex in Lilongwe.

The Committee is composed of:

i. Honourable Justice Professor Redson E. Kapindu – Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice Joseph Chigona – Vice Chairperson

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iii. Honourable Justice Gladys Gondwe
iv. Registrar
v. Chief Courts Administrator – Mrs. Edith W. Chikagwa
vi. Deputy Director of Human Resources– Mrs. Naomi Kwerani
vii. Principal Maintenance Officer – Mr. Redson Mphande
viii. Principal Administrative Officer – Mr. Phunziro Kwisongole - Secretary
ix. Accountant – Mr. Samuel Manyowa

TRAINING COMMITTEE

The mandate of this Committee is to monitor and advise on matters relating to training.

The Committee is composed of:
i. Honourable Justice Violet K. Chipao – Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice Joseph Chigona – Vice Chairperson
iii. Honourable Justice Thomson R. Ligowe
iv. Registrar
v. Chairperson – IRC – His Honour Austin Msowoya
vi. Chief Resident Magistrate (E) – His Worship Austin J. Banda (now CRM C)
vii. Assistant Registrar – Her Honour Thokozani Soko (now Acting DCP)
viii. First Grade Magistrate – His Worship Julius Kalambo
ix. Chief Courts Administrator – Mrs. Edith Chikagwa
x. Deputy Director of Finance – Mr. Unusu Kamwana
xi. Deputy Director of Human Resources – Mrs. Naomi Kwerani
xii. Training Officer - Secretary

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The mandate of the Committee is to provide oversight of the budgeting process and financial accountability in the Judiciary.

The Committee is composed of:
i. Honourable Justice Joseph Chigona – Chairperson
ii. Honourable Justice Gladys Gondwe – Vice Chairperson
iii. Honourable Justice Jean Kayira
iv. Registrar
v. Chairperson – IRC – His Honour Austin B. Msowoya
vi. Chief Resident Magistrate (C) - Her Worship Madalitso Chimwaza (now Judge)
vii. His Honour Chisomo Msokera– Secretary
viii. Chief Courts Administrator – Mrs. Edith Chikagwa
ix. Deputy Director of Finance – Mr. Unusu Kamwana
x. Under Sheriff – Imran Matola

NETWORKING AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Judiciary continued to engage in several networking activities that contributed towards capacity development, sharing of information and increasing partnerships with different local and international institutions. In the year under review, the following were the networking activities:

1. The African Electoral Judicial Network (AEJN) Symposium on Electoral Justice

Honourable Justice Annabel Mtalimanja attended the AEJN symposium on Electoral Justice from 31st January to 3rd February, 2024 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The conference was held under the theme *"Making the dream of the African Charter a reality: The role of the Judiciary in upholding the rule of law with specific reference to free, fair, and credible elections in Africa."*

2. William Murray Secondary School Students Conducted an Education Visit to the Judiciary Chichiri Court House

On 9th February, 2024, students from William Murray Secondary School visited the Judiciary, Chichiri Court House in Blantyre. During the visit, the students had a tour of court rooms, the boardroom and the registry of the Supreme Court of Appeal, the High Court Principal Registry, the Chief Resident Magistrate Court and attended a court sitting in the Principal Resident Magistrate Court. The students also had inspirational talk by High Court Judges: Honourable Justice Michael Tembo, Honourable Justice Jean Kayira and Honourable Justice Chimbigzani Kacheche.

William Murray Secondary School students and teachers pose for a photograph with High Court Judges, Deputy Registrar (as then was) and an Acting Court Administrator

3. Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts (SIFoCC) 5th Full Meeting

Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Lovemore Chikopa SC, JA attended the SIFoCC 5th Full meeting in Doha, Qatar from 20th to 21st April 2024. The meeting involved roundtable judicial discussion between the world's commercial (and appellate) judiciaries.

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4. COMESA Competition Commission Third Regional Judges Workshop

Honourable Deputy Chief Justice Lovemore Chikopa SC, JA, Honourable Justice Jabbar Alide and His Honour Ibrahim Hussein attended the COMESA Competition Commission Third Regional Judges Workshop in Malaysia from 1st to 2nd October 2024. The theme for the workshop was *"The Role of Competition and Consumer Protection Regulation in Economic Development."*

5. E-Justice Conference

The Judiciary in collaboration with other stakeholders in the justice sector, namely, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Malawi Police Service, Malawi Prison Service, the Legal Aid Bureau, the Anti-Corruption Bureau, the Office of the Ombudsman, the e-Government Unit, academic institutions and civil society organisations hosted an E-Justice Conference (Conference). The Conference was held in Lilongwe from 17th to 18th September 2024.

The objective of the Conference under the theme *"Relying on Digital Transformation to Close the Justice Gap"* was to explore the opportunities and challenges of digitalisation in the justice system in Malawi.
The Conference was funded by UNDP.

Deputy Director of ICT, Mr. Innocent Mzoma (far left) taking part on a panel discussion at the E-Justice Conference

NETWORKING AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

6. Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Between the Judiciary and Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC)

The Judiciary and MBC signed an MOU on 23rd September, 2024 at a ceremony held at Chichiri court premises in Blantyre. The MOU facilitates the creation of a programme called Taking the Courts to the People, which will be broadcast in English and Chichewa under the title *"Khothi Lathu."*

The Programme aims to educate the public about the operations of the Judiciary.

7. Southern And Eastern Africa Chief Justices' Forum (SEACJF) Conference

The Chief Justice was among the seventeen-member Chief Justices and three Judges representing the head of their respective jurisdictions and the President of the East African Court of Justice attended the SEACJF conference in Kampala, Uganda from 30th September 2024 to 5th October 2024.

The Chief Justice was accompanied by Justice of Appeal Healey Potani SC, High Court Judges Maureen Kondowe and Wezi Malonda and His Worship Mathews Malunga.

The theme of the conference was *"Enhanced Access to Justice: Underscoring Reforms in African Judiciaries."*

8. Judicial Fellowship Program

Honourable Justice Dorothy Kamanga SC, JA attended a Judicial Fellowship Program in the United States of America from 30th September to 18th October, 2024. The program was designed to strengthen judicial systems globally by equipping leaders with knowledge and skills necessary to uphold justice and democracy in various countries.

9. Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association (CMJA) Conference

The Chief Justice led a delegation of judicial officers and members of staff to the CMJA Conference held in Kigali, Rwanda. The Conference took place from 8th to 12th September, 2024 under the theme *"Environmental Justice."*

Honourable Justice Kenyatta Nyirenda (right) and Mrs. Thandie Lipenga, ICT Officer (left) making contributions during plenary at CMJA Conference

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10. 7th Congress of the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa

Honourable the Chief Justice, Honourable Justice Ivy Kamanga SC, JA and His Honour Patrick Kamisa attended the 7th Congress of the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe from 31st October to 2nd November, 2024. The conference was held under the theme *"Human dignity as a fundamental value and principle: A source of constitutional interpretation, fundamental human rights protection and protection."*

11. International Conference of Chief Justices of the World

Honourable Justice Dorothy Kamanga SC, JA attended the International Conference of Chief Justices of the World in India from 20th to 18th November, 2024. The conference was held under the theme *"Governance for the future for a united, safe and secure future for humanity especially for the children of the world."*

12. Visit to the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland

Honourable the Chief Justice, Honourable Justice Frank Kapanda SC, JA, Honourable Justice Etiness Chanza and His Honour Patrick Kamisa went for a technical visit to the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland from 28th November to 1st December, 2024. The visit was part of the program of Irish Rule of Law International, "Access to Justice in Malawi." The programme is aimed at improving access to justice and promoting respect for human rights and the rule of law in Malawi.

The Chief Justice of Malawi (centre)pose for a photograph with The Chief Justice of Northern Ireland (3rd from right) together with other delegates after a visit to Northern Ireland Judiciary.

OTHER EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

1. Tree Planting

The Chief Justice on 19th January 2024 led the Judiciary in a tree planting exercise. The ceremony took place at Balaka Magistrate Court. It was attended by judicial officers, members of staff of the Judiciary, officers from various government institutions in Balaka which included the Malawi Police Service, District Council, Forest Department and Ministry of Education as well as First Capital Bank, co-sponsors of the event. Four hundred (400) acacia tree seedlings were planted around Balaka court premises.

Judicial officers, members of staff and stakeholders with tree seedlings ready for planting

2. Visiting Retired Judicial Officers and Members of Staff

In April, 2024 and November, 2024, a team from the Judiciary led by the Chief Justice visited some retired judicial officers and members of staff in Blantyre. The team visited retired Chief Justices Leonard Unyolo and Anastanzia Msosa, retired Justices of Appeal Duncan Tambala (now deceased), Atanazio Tembo and Anaclet Chipeta, retired High Court Judge Maclean Kamwambe and retired Deputy Chief Courts Administrator Glyn Chimbamba.

The Chief Justice updated the retired officers on new developments in the Judiciary since their retirements. He also encouraged the retired officers to attend functions organised by the Judiciary when invited as they remained part of the family of the Judiciary.

OTHER EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Honourable the Chief Justice and retired Justice of Appeal Tembo pose for a photograph after the visit.

Chief Justice (first left) cheering retired Deputy Chief Courts Administrator, Glyn Chimbamba (seated) flanked by Acting Registrar and Personal Assistant to the Chief Justice (third and fourth right, respectively

3. JUDICIARY OPEN DAY

The Judiciary held its 2024 Open Day on 25th September 2024 in Lilongwe. Under the theme *"Mabwalo a Milandu ndi anu" (Our People, Their Courts),* the event showcased various services provided by the Judiciary at all tiers and categories of its courts.

Apart from the general public, the Open Day was attended by judicial officers, members of staff of the Judiciary, the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, representatives from both the Executive and Legislature, the Malawi Law Society, and civil society organizations.

JUDICIARY OPEN DAY 2024

"Our People, Their Judiciary"

"Mabwalo a milandu ndi anu"

PICTORIAL FOCUS

Captions

1. Chief Justice Rizine Mzikamanda SC addressing the Open Day gathering.
2. Malawi Defence Force Brass Band leading Open Day fun walk.
3. Aerial view of Open Day fun walk participants.
4. Kumudzi Cultural Troupe performing at the event.
5. Che Mandota and Kankhani entertaining the audience at the event.
6. Chief Justice (middle) and Deputy Chief Justice Lovemore Chikopa SC (on the left of the Chief Justice) pose with representatives of some of the sponsors of the event.
7. The Chief Justice flanked by Minister of Justice (right) and Deputy Chief Justice (left) pose for a photograph with some students from Lilongwe Girls and Likuni Boys Secondary Schools, and Mkwichi Primary School.

OTHER EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

4. Commencement of the Judicial Calendar

On 27th September 2024, the Judiciary marked the commencement of the 2024/2025 judicial year with a ceremony at Chichiri Court premises in Blantyre. The Chief Justice, accompanied by Justices of Appeal, High Court Judges, and members of the Bar, inspected a guard of honour mounted by the Malawi Police Service.

In his address, the Chief Justice reflected on the successes and challenges during the 2023/2024 judicial year and outlined plans for the new year.

The event was attended by members of the legal fraternity and the media.

Hon the Chief Justice, Justice of Appeal and Judges of High Court at Commencement of Judicial Calendar

The Commencement of Judicial Calendar ceremony: Judges and lawyers interacting.

SOCIAL SECURITY

CHILUNGAMO SACCO

Chilungamo SACCO Ltd has been posting a surplus since 2021 and prospects for growth look promising. Below is a detailed comparative performance for the past three years

DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ITEM	2022	2023	2024
Membership	1,030	1,284	1345
Member shares	203,552,159	256,937,159	307,035,000
Member loans	275,747,277	313,095,668	427,255,000
Member deposits	6,033,152	4,150,834	21,476,000
Income collection	96,395,016	143,927,583	189,539,000
Expenses	71,192,825	89,839,357	124,782,000
Surplus	52,796,847	54,088,225	64,757,000
Loan loss allowance	1,225,000	1,025,000	1,550,000
Delinquency rate	1.3	1	1
Total Assets	337,065,501	447,551,079	534,949,833

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Maintained a delinquency rate at one (1) per cent.
2. Dividends have consistently been paid for the past three years.
3. Membership has grown

CHALLENGES

1. Late remittances by Government affecting timely disbursement of loans.

CHALLENGES

Despite the positive strides made in the year 2024, the Judiciary faced various challenges. The major ones included:

1. Erratic disbursement of funds – funding not disbursed according to cashflow thereby negatively affecting implementation of activities.

2. Shortage of staff – the vacancy rate remains high, and as a result, service delivery is compromised.

3. Inadequate and dilapidated infrastructure–apart from being inadequate, most of the court infrastructure remains in a dilapidated state. As a result, some court centres are accommodated in rented premises, while others are operating from dilapidated premises or have been rendered non-functional. This continues to negatively affect the efficient and effective delivery of services to the public.

4. Capacity gaps –lack of funds has constrained the Judiciary from facilitating regular training of judicial officers and members of staff. This has resulted in skills and knowledge gaps which have in turn negatively affected the delivery of services to the public.

5. Shortage of motor vehicles – the Judiciary continued to experience shortage of vehicles. As a result, some crucial operations and services such as court inspections and court circuits were not adequately carried out, thereby, negatively affecting both access to justice and the administration of justice.

6. Inadequate and obsolete furniture and office equipment - most courts do not have adequate and suitable furniture and other office equipment due to lack of financial resources.

7. Delays in processing payments – the Accountant General's department was taking a long time to process payments which negatively affected implementation of activities in the Judiciary.

Some of the many magistrates courts being used are in a dilapidated state.
Above are, photographs of Ilengo Magistrates Court, Chitipa (left) and Mpenu Magistrates Court, Lilongwe (right).

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APPENDIX 1

MALAWI JUDICIARY CALENDAR 2024/2025

The Judicial year for the High Court and Supreme Court of Appeal begins in October and ends in July. The sittings of the Courts are divided in four sessions in every year as shown below:

SESSION	DATES
Lewis Chatsika	1st October, 2024 to 19th December, 2024
Friday Makuta	14th January, 2025 to 16th April, 2025
Richard Banda	29th April, 2025 to 30th May, 2025
Leonard Unyolo	10th June, 2025 to 31st July, 2025

APPENDIX II

RECORD OF CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

1. Sir Frederick Southworth	1964-1965
2. Honourable the Chief Justice Peter W. Williams	1969-1970
3. Honourable the Chief Justice James J. Skinner	1970-1985
4. Honourable the Chief Justice Friday Makuta, SC	1985-1992
5. Honourable the Chief Justice Richard A. Banda, SC	1992-2002
6. Honourable the Chief Justice Leonard Unyolo	2003-2007
7. Honourable the Chief Justice Lovemore G. Munlo, SC	2007-2013
8. Honourable the Chief Justice Anastasia Msosa, SC	2013-2015
9. Honourable the Chief Justice Andrew K. C. Nyirenda, SC	2015-2021
10. Honourable the Chief Justice Rizine R. Mzikamanda, SC	2022 to date

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RECORD OF REGISTRARS

1. His Honour Truwa	
2. His Honour Rodger Topping	
3. His Honour Leonard E. Unyolo	1979 - 1984
4. His Honour Maxon P. Mkandawire	1984 - 1989
5. His Honour Dustain F. Mwaungulu	1990 - 1994
6. His Honour Edward B. Twea	1994 - 1997
7. His Honour Winter W.B. Qoto	1998 - 1999
8. His Honour Healey S.B. Potani	2000 - 2003
9. Her Honour Ivy C. Kamanga	2003 - 2004
10. His Honour Sylvester A. Kalembera	2004 – 2008
11. Her Honour Dorothy NyaKaunda Kamanga	2008 - 2012
12. His Honour Michael A. Tembo (***Acting***)	2012 - 2013
13. His Honour Joseph Chigona	2013 - 2016
14. His Honour Jack N'riva	2016 - 2017
15. Her Honour Agnes T. Patemba	2017 - 2020
16. Her Honour Gladys A. Gondwe	2020 - 2022
17. His Honour Kondwani Banda	2022 - 2024
18. His Honour Innocent Nebi	2024 to date

APPENDIX IV

RECORD OF CHIEF COURTS ADMINISTRATORS

1. Mr. Rodrick B.C. Moyo	2002 - 2017
2. Mrs. Edith W. Chikagwa	2017 to date

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APPENDIX V

LIST OF MAGISTRATES AND THEIR DUTY STATIONS

CENTRAL REGION

No	Name of Officer	Post	Grade	Duty Station
1	H/W A. Banda	CRM	JS8	CRM (C), Lilongwe
3	H/W B. Chulu	PRM	JS10	CRM (C), Lilongwe
4	H/W A. Shuukran Kumbani	SRM	JS11	CRM (C), Lilongwe
5	H/W B. Kondowe	SRM	JS11	CRM (C), Lilongwe
6	H/W C. Jonasi	SRM	JS11	Child Justice- Lilongwe
7	H/W W. Nyirenda	SRM	JS11	Lilongwe Court
8	H/W S. Mwangonde	SRM	JS11	Mchinji
9	H/W J. Mankhwazi	SRM	JS11	Dedza
10	H/W Kamtsalira	SRM	JS11	Salima
11	H/W D. Mangwana	FGM	JS12	Child Justice -Lilongwe
12	H/W A. Phiri	FGM	JS12	Lilongwe Court
13	H/W A. Mtalimanja	FGM	JS12	Mpenu - Lilongwe
14	H/W T. Midiasi	FGM	JS12	Chilobwe - Lilongwe
15	H/W Chilowetsa	FGM	JS12	Mchinji
16	H/W Y. Nkhata	FGM	JS12	Dowa
17	H/W T. Mdala	FGM	JS12	Mponela
18	H/W M. Sulumba	FGM	JS12	Mkukula
19	H/W R.Bota	FGM	JS12	Dedza
20	H/W D.B. Kaluba Mrs	FGM	JS12	Ntchisi
21	H/W D. D. N. C Banda	FGM	JS12	Mbomba
22	H/W C. Nyirenda	FGM	JS12	Kasungu
23	H/W Masula	FGM	JS12	Chigodi
24	H/W A.C Banda	FGM	JS12	Salima
25	H/W Phaiya	FGM	JS12	Nkhotakota
26	H/W K.N. Buleya	FGM	JS12	Nkhunga
27	H/W L. Mnyenyenbe	SGM	JS13	Mapuyu - Lilongwe
28	H/W R. Chirwa	SGM	JS13	Chiseka - Lilongwe
29	H/W T. Muwalo	SGM	JS13	Lilongwe Court
30	H/W D. Mpakani	SGM	JS13	Mponela
31	H/W C. Kampaliro	SGM	JS13	Mkhaza
32	H/W F. Malobvu	SGM	JS13	Ntchisi
33	H/W A. Chirambo	SGM	JS13	Salima

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34	H/W C. Nthenda	TGM	K	Mpenu - Lilongwe
35	H/W H. Ngulube	TGM	K	Chiwenga – Lilongwe
36	H/W B. Kaluba	TGM	K	CRM (C), Lilongwe
37	H/W C. Selemani	TGM	K	Mchinji
38	H/W A. Simwaka	TGM	K	Mchemani
39	H/W F. Njirayafa	TGM	K	Kapiri
40	H/W K. Zulu	TGM	K	Mikundi
41	H/W C. Matchaya	TGM	K	Dowa
42	H/W J. Munkhondia	TGM	K	Mponela
43	H/W C. Simwaka	TGM	K	Msongandeu
44	H/W I. Chakudza	TGM	K	Nthindi
45	H/W H. Chinkhumba	TGM	K	Lilongwe Court
46	H/W M. Lukongolo	TGM	K	Demera - Lilongwe
47	H/W F. Madukani	TGM	K	Dedza
48	H/W P.C. Chinkhuti	TGM	K	Mtakataka
49	H/W N. Mtonda	TGM	K	Maonde
50	H/W C. Madise	TGM	K	Katewe
51	H/W H. Mkuka	TGM	K	Mbomba
52	H/W G. Nkhudzule	TGM	K	Kasakula
53	H/W M. Chabvuta	TGM	K	Mtsiro
54	H/W S. Chakudza	TGM	K	Kasungu
55	H/W. Kavwenje	TGM	K	Chigodi
56	H/W C. Mtenje	TGM	K	Kachokolo
57	H/W M.G Banda	TGM	K	Nthembwe
58	H/W D. Mumbuwa	TGM	K	Matenje
59	H/W C. Makwangwala	TGM	K	Lilongwe Court
60	H/W M. Malunga	TGM	K	Salima
61	H/W S. Nthala	TGM	K	Nkhotakota
62	H/W V. Dzimbiri	TGM	K	Nkhotakota
63	H/W O. Nyimbo	TGM	K	Nkhunga
64	H/W D. Katundu	TGM	K	Mtosa

SOUTHERN REGION

No	Name of Officer	Post	Grade	Duty Station
1	H/W Paul Chiotcha	CRM	JS8	CRM, Blantyre
2	H/W Martin Chipofya	PRM	JS10	CRM
3	H/W Lawrence Mchilima	SRM	JS11	CRM

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4	H/W Andrew M'manga	SRM	JS11	CRM
5	H/W Sajda Maiden	SRM	JS11	CRM
6	H/W Aisha Itimu	SRM	JS11	Child Justice
7	H/w Assunta Muwalo	SRM	JS11	Midima
8	H/W Byson Masonga	SRM	JS11	Chikwawa
9	H/W Euphrasia Nazombe	SRM	JS11	Blantyre
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16	H/W Kondwani Chinangwa	FGM	JS12	Thyolo
17	H/W Kitty Nkhono	FGM	JS12	Chisenjere
18	H/W Gladson Chirundu	FGM	JS12	Mwanza
19	H/W Annie Chikhadzula	FGM	JS12	Ntonda
20	H/W Lameck Mkwapatila	FGM	JS12	Midima
21	H/W Smart Maluwasa	FGM	JS12	Chiradzulu
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23	H/W Magret Khobiri	FGM	JS12	Neno
24	H/W Veronica Magugu	FGM	JS12	Soche
25	H/W John Nsomba	FGM	JS12	Nchalo
26	H/W George Chimombo	FGM	JS12	Mulanje
27	H/W Fatch Mphaluro	FGM	JS12	Blantyre Central
28	H/W Chiyembekezo Phiri	FGM	JS12	Makande
29	H/W Joram Zebron	FGM	JS12	Chikwawa
30	H/W Charles Chimphamba	SGM	JS13	Neno
31	H/W Rodgers Machila	SGM	JS13	Mbulumbuzi
32	H/W Linda Chiwanda	SGM	JS13	Bangula
33	H/W Mercy Katunga	SGM	JS13	Blantyre Central
34	H/W Emelia Shaba	SGM	JS13	Chibisa
35	H/W Naomi Chingana	SGM	JS13	Chikwembere
36	H/W Mifa Chinkudzu	SGM	JS13	Chisombezi
37	H/W Mike Chikwana Mbewe	SGM	JS13	Lisungwi
38	H/W Violet Nkhoma	SGM	JS13	Chisombezi
39	H/W Catherine Daudi	SGM	JS13	Midima
40	H/W Chrissie Kachingwe	TGM	K	Limbe
41	H/W Dorah Kuseka	TGM	K	Thambani

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43	H/W Charles Zanera	TGM	K	Lalanje
44	H/W Rose Ndekha Mataka	TGM	K	Nchalo
45	H/W Christopher Baluwa	TGM	K	Thuchira
46	H/W Hygiene Mowe	TGM	K	Thava
47	H/W James Balakasi	TGM	K	Masenjere
48	H/W Jane Kamuloni	TGM	K	Chiradzulu
49	H/W Thomson Sikweya	TGM	K	Mangunda
50	H/W Patrick Kachingwe	TGM	K	Chiradzulu
51	H/W Mc Donald Ndekete	TGM	K	Muloza
52	H/W Aaron N'gambi	TGM	K	Mulanje
53	H/W Jameson Chakuma	TGM	K	Mwanza
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61	H/W Ellen Bulla	TGM	K	Mphande
62	H/W Haneefa Ngundende	TGM	K	Nyachilenda
63	H/W Nikita Chirwa	TGM	K	CRM
64	H/W Olivia Sama	TGM	K	Chisombezi
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16	H/W Simon Mwambo	FGM	JS12	Ntanja
17	H/W Phillip Chibwana	FGM	JS12	Ntcheu
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27	H/W Topsy Mpinga	TGM	K	Chitekesa
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37	H/W John Kamphani	TGM	K	Ndumundu
38	H/W Lloyd Banda	TGM	K	Ntonya
39	H/W Peasant Sichali	TGM	K	Kalichero
40	H/W Joshua Chirambo	TGM	K	Mvumba
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21	H/W Harrison Sitiki	SGM	JS13	Euthini
22	H/W Chikumutso Ngulube	SGM	JS13	Rumphi
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24	H/W Blackfield Kalobekamo	TGM	K	Katowo
25	H/W Ronald Kalobekamo	TGM	K	Misuku
26	H/W Flyson Mulungu	TGM	K	Nthalire
27	H/W Pauline Nthala	TGM	K	Mlowe
28	H/W Themba Kaunda	TGM	K	Bolero
29	H/W Mike Lungu	TGM	K	Chitipa
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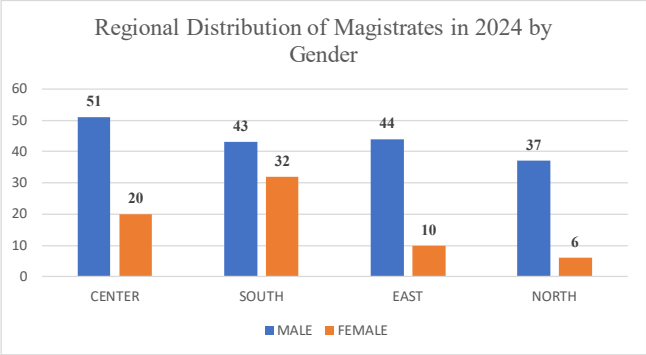

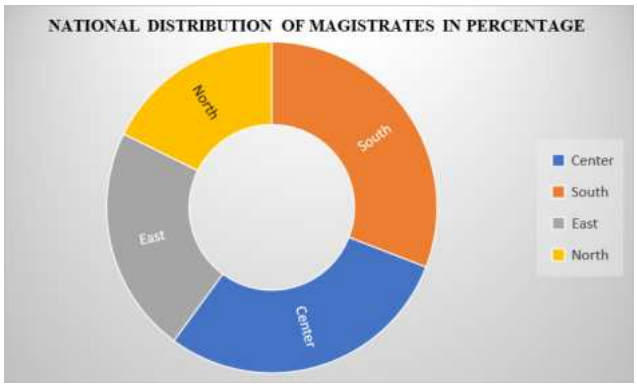

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LIST OF FUNCTIONING AND NON-FUNCTIONING COURTS

REGION	DISTRICT	NO	NAME OF COURT	REMARKS
SOUTH	BLANTYRE	1	Chief Resident	Functional
		2	Blantyre Central	Functional
		3	Limbe/Dalton	Functional
		4	Midima	Functional
		5	Soche Child Justice	Functional
		6	Ntonda	Functional
		7	Chikwembere	Functional
		8	Chisenjere	Functional
		9	South Lunzu	Non-functional
		10	Mudi	Non-functional
		11	Linjisi	Non-functional
		12	Chikowa	Non-functional
		13	Chilangoma	Non-Functional

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SOUTH	CHIRADZULU	14	Chiradzulu District	Functional
		15	Mbulumbuzi	Functional
		16	Chisombezi	Functional
		17	Thuchila	Functional
		18	Namitambo	Functional
		19	Mombezi	Non Functional - Maintenance in Progress
		20	Ndunde	Non-functional
		21	Lirangwe	Non-functional
		22	Magomero 1	Non-functional
		23	Magomero 2	Non-functional
	CHIKWAWA	24	Chikwawa District	Functional
		25	Nchalo	Functional
		26	Makande	Functional
		27	Chibisa	Functional
		28	Ngwengwe	Functional
		29	Mitole	Non-functional
		30	Mbewe	Non-functional
		31	Dzimbiri	Non-functional
	MULANJE	32	Mulanje District	Functional
		33	Muloza	Functional
		34	Namphungo	Functional
		35	Milonde	Non-Functional
		36	Chambe	Non-functional
		37	Mtenjera	Non-functional
	NSANJE	38	Nsanje District	Functional
		39	Bangula	Functional
		40	Lalanje	Functional
		41	Nyachilenda	Non-Functional
		42	Muona	Non-functional
		43	Mpatsa	Non-functional
		44	Mankhokwe	Non-functional
	THYOLO	45	Thyolo District	Functional
		46	Mangunda	Functional
		47	Thabva	Functional
		48	Masenjere	Functional
		49	Mphande	Functional
		50	Nchima	Non-functional

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SOUTH	THYOLO	51	Makungwa	Non-functional
		52	Khonjeni	Non-functional
		53	Mapanga	Non-functional
		54	Muonekera	Non-functional
		55	Mphembere	Non-functional
			Rifuluni	Non Functional
			Dzimbiri	Non Functional
	MWANZA	56	Mwanza District	Functional
		57	Thambani	Functional
	NENO	58	Neno District	Functional
		59	Lisungwi	Functional
		60	Chilibondo	Non functional
NORTH	MZUZU	1	Chief Resident Magistrate	Functional
		2	Mzuzu CJC	Functional
	MZIMBA (N)	3	Mzimba North	Functional
		4	Emcisweni	Functional
		5	Ezondweni	Functional
		6	Luzi	Functional-Circuit
	MZIMBA (S)	7	Mzimba Magistrate	Functional
		8	Emfeni	Functional
		9	Khosolo	Functional-Court Circuit
		10	Ephangweni	Functional
		11	Euthini	Functional
		12	Edingeni	Functional
		13	Eswazini	Functional-Court Circuit
		14	Emchakachakeni	Non functional
	CHITIPA	15	Chitipa District	Functional
		16	Wilindi	Functional
		17	Nthalire	Functional
		18	Chinunkha	Functional
		19	Ilengo	Functional
		20	Wenya	Non Functional
	KARONGA	21	Karonga District	Functional
		22	Ngerenge	Functional
		23	Uliwa	Functional
		24	Nyungwe	Non Functional
		25	Ngana	Non functional
		26	Mbande	Non functional

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NORTH	RUMPHI	27	Rumphi District	Functional
		28	Bolero	Functional
		29	Mlowe	Functional
		30	Henga	Functional
		31	Katowo	Functional
		32	Lura	Non functional
		33	Tchalo	Non functional
		34	Chinyolo	Non functional
		35	Phoka	Non functional
	NKHATA BAY	36	Nkhata Bay	Functional
		37	Usisya	Functional
		38	Tukombo	Functional
		39	Chintheche	Functional
		40	Mpamba	Non functional
		41	Mzenga	Non functional
		42	Ruarwe	Non functional
		43	Mbamba	Non functional
	LIKOMA	44	Likoma	Functional
EAST	ZOMBA	1	Chief Resident Magistrate	Functional
		2	Zomba District	Functional
		3	Chingale	Non-Functional
		4	Mulunguzi	Functional
		5	Domasi	Functional
		6	Ntonya	Functional
		7	Likangala	Functional
		8	Machereni	Non functional
		9	Nsondole	Non functional
		10	Chinguma	Non functional
	NTCHEU	11	Ntcheu	Functional
		12	Kalichero	Functional
		13	Banda	Functional
		14	Kasinje	Functional
		15	Tsangano	Functional
		16	Madzanje	Non Functional
		17	Kaloga	Non Functional
		18	Ntonda	Non Functional
		19	Mchakhatha	Non Functional

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EAST	MANGOCHI	20	Mangochi	Functional
		21	Chilipa	Functional
		22	Namwera	Functional
		23	Monkey Bay	Functional
		24	Nkungulu	Functional
		25	Malombe	Functional
		26	Mdinde	Non Functional
		27	Malindi	Non Functional
		28	Makanjira/Mpilipili	Functional
		29	Ndumundu	Non Functional
		30	Khaya	Non Functional
		31	Mvumba	Non Functional
	BALAKA	32	Balaka	Functional
		33	Ulongwe	Functional
		34	Phalula	Functional
		35	Msamala	Non functional
	MACHINGA	36	Machinga	Functional
		37	Liwonde	Functional
		38	Ntaja	Functional
		39	Mselema	Functional
		40	Nguse	Functional
		41	Mbonechera	Non functional
		42	Chikala	Non functional
	PHALOMBE	43	Phalombe	Functional
		44	Chinani	Functional
		45	Chiringa	Functional
		46	chitekesa	Functional
CENTRE	LILONGWE	1	Chief Resident Magistrate	Functional
		2	Liongwe district	Functional
		3	Mpenu	Functional
		4	Demera	Functional
		5	Chiseka	Functional
		6	Mapuyu	Functional
		7	Chilobwe	Functional
		8	Chiwenga	Non Functional
		9	Chiwamba	Non Functional
		10	Msozi	Non functional

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CENTRE	LILONGWE	11	Nsinja	Non functional
		12	Mphande	Non functional
		13	Nyanja	Non Functional
	DEDZA	14	Dedza	Functional
		15	Mkhaza	Functional
		16	Mtakataka	Functional
		17	Maonde	Functional
		18	Chitundu	Non Functional
		19	Mulunduli	Non Functional
		20	Katewe	Functional
	SALIMA	21	Salima	Functional
		22	Kachulu	Non Functional
		23	Chipoka	Functional-Court Circuits
		24	Mnema	Non Functional
	DOWA	25	Dowa	Functional
		26	Mponela	Functional
		27	Mkukula	Functional
		28	Kaufa	Functional
		29	Thindi	Functional
		30	Msongandewu	Functional
	MCHINJI	31	Mchinji	Functional
		32	Kapiri	Functional
		33	Mchemani	Functional
		34	Mikundi	Functional
		35	Msitu	Non Functional
		36	Kalumbe	Non functional
		37	Mkoma	Non functional
	NTCHISI	38	Ntchisi	Functional
		39	Mbomba	Functional
		40	Kasakula	Functional
		41	Mtsilo	Non Functional
		42	Misozi	Court Circuit
		43	Masangano	Non functional
	NKHOTAKOTA	44	Nkhota kota	Functional
		45	Nkhunga	Functional
		46	Bua	Non functional
		47	Malenga Chanzi	Non functional
		48	Mtosa	Functional

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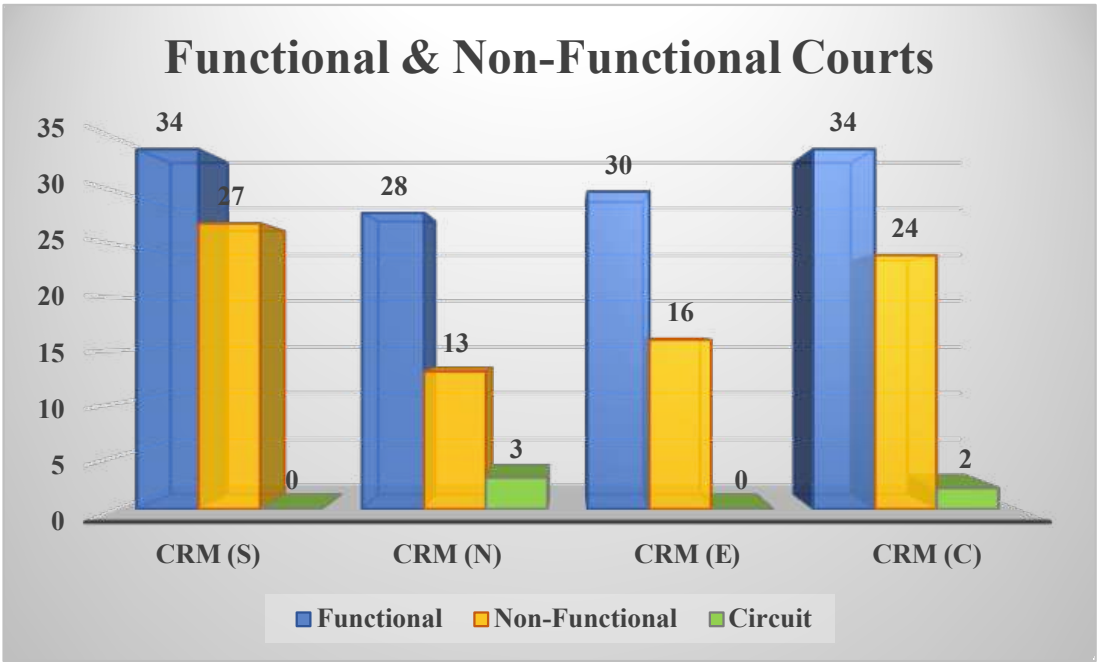
CENTRE		49	Kasitu	Non functional
	KASUNGU	50	Kasungu	Functional
		51	Kachokolo	Functional
		52	Chigodi	Functional
		53	Nthembwe	Functional
		54	Chilanga	Non Functional
		55	Matenje	Functional
		56	Misozi	Non functional
		57	Chilowamatambe	Non functional
		58	Ndonda	Non functional
		59	Mthabua	Non functional
		60	Mnziza	Non Functional

	FUNCTIONAL	NON-FUNCTIONAL	CIRCUITS	TOTAL
CRM (S)	34	27	0	**60**
CRM (N)	28	13	3	**44**
CRM (E)	30	16	0	**46**
CRM (C)	34	24	2	**60**
TOTAL	**125**	**80**	**5**	**210**



JUDICIAL OFFICERS - GENDER DISAGREGATED

	MALE	FEMALE
Chief Justice	1	0
Deputy Chief Justice	1	0
Justices of Appeal	7	2
High Court Judges	25	20
Registrar	1	0
Senior Deputy Registrar	1	0
Deputy Registrar	1	0
IRC Chairperson	1	0
IRC Deputy Chairperson	4	3
CRM	3	1
Assistant Registrars	12	11
PRM	4	0
SRM	20	9
FGM	44	11
SGM	19	8
TGM	65	34

JUDICIAL OFFICERS VACANCY ANALYSIS

POST	ESTABLISHED	FILLED	VACANT
CHIEF JUSTICE JS1	1	1	0
DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE JS2	1	1	0
SUPREME COURT JUDGE JS3	9	9	0
HIGH COURT JUDGE JS8	78	45	33
CHIEF REGISTRAR JS8	1	1	0
REGISTRAR JS10	20	0	20
CHAIRPERSON JS9	1	1	0
SENIOR DEPUTY REGISTRAR JS9	1	1	0
DEPUTY REGISTRAR E/JS10	2	1	1
CHIEF RESIDENT MAGISTRATE E/JS10	8	4	4
DEPUTY CHAIR PERSON E/JS10	16	7	9
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR F/JS11	32	6	26
PRINCIPAL RESIDENT MAGISTRATE G/JS12	24	10	14
PRINCIPAL JUDICIAL RESEARCH OFFICER G/JS12	24	1	23
SENIOR JUDICIAL RESEARCH OFFICER H/JS13	33	3	30
SENIOR RESIDENT MAGISTRATE H/JS13	64	42	22
FIRST GRADE MAGISTRATE I/JS14	277	51	226
JUDICIAL RESEARCH OFFICER I/JS14	55	9	46
SECOND GRADE MAGISTRATE J/JS15	265	27	238
THIRD GRADE MAGISTRATE K/JS16	0	97	-97

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