

# Week That Was at the Small Claims Court

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## Key Metrics

TOTAL CASES	DISPOSED	ADJOURNED	ON-TIME	AVG DURATION	JO COUNT
615	13%	11%	21%	19.30	17

## Executive Analysis

### Week at a Glance

The Small Claims Court processed 615 cases across 615 sessions during Week 7 of 2026, with outcomes heavily skewed toward cases requiring further action rather than final disposition. A total of 349 cases (57%) remain with unknown outcomes, while adjournments accounted for 11.2% of the docket. Final determinations—including judgments delivered, rulings, and dismissals—totaled only 37 cases (6%), indicating that the vast majority of matters remain in active progression through the court system.

### Outcomes Analysis

The week's outcome distribution reveals a court system in continuous motion rather than one focused on case closure. Cases categorized as "Unknown" (349, or 57%) represent the largest segment, followed by adjournments (69, or 11.2%). Determined cases numbered 37 (6%), while 35 cases (5.7%) were flagged for verification against the Case Tracking System. Court closures accounted for 26 cases (4.2%), and no-shows affected 23 cases (3.7%).

Among disposal-oriented outcomes, judgments delivered and rulings delivered combined for 12 cases, while dismissals and struck-out matters each represented 10 cases. Settlements were rare, with only 7 cases (1.1%) resolved through agreement. Withdrawn cases numbered 4.

The adjournment cohort (69 cases) was primarily driven by non-appearance of parties, which dominated the stated reasons. Other significant adjournment triggers included parties not being ready to proceed, judgment not being ready for delivery, and witness unavailability. One notable adjournment stemmed from counsel requiring additional time to effect proper service of process, underscoring the practical operational constraints that extend case timelines.

### Timeliness & Efficiency

Punctuality remains a critical challenge across the Small Claims Court. Only 129 of 615 cases (21%) commenced on time, indicating systemic scheduling or court management delays affecting approximately 79% of the docket. This pattern was not uniform across judicial officers; performance ranged from 0% on-time starts for several magistrates to 80% for Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Mr.) (SRM) and 100% for Hon. S.W. Mathenge (though the latter heard only one case).

The average hearing duration of 19.3 minutes suggests relatively efficient individual case management once proceedings commence. However, this efficiency is undermined by the broader systemic issue of late starts, which compresses available court time and may contribute to the high adjournment rate. The data indicates that operational punctuality improvements could yield meaningful gains in case throughput without requiring longer individual hearing sessions.

## Judicial Officer Highlights

**Hon. A. G. Njuguna** presided over the week's largest caseload at 107 cases but achieved a 0% on-time start rate and only 2% disposal rate. The average interval to the next scheduled date was 84 days, the longest in the cohort.

**Gladys Kiamah** heard 82 cases with a 46% on-time rate and 7% disposal rate. Next-date scheduling averaged 99.4 days, indicating extended case intervals.

**Hon. Mokaya Edith Bonareri** managed 53 cases with a 13% on-time rate but a respectable 32% disposal rate. Average days to next date stood at 40.6 days.

**Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Mr.) (SRM)** demonstrated the week's strongest on-time performance at 80% across 50 cases, with a 20% disposal rate and 40-day average next-date interval.

**Hon. P.N. Makokha** heard 49 cases, achieving a 35% on-time rate and the week's second-highest disposal rate at 39%. Next-date scheduling averaged 59.5 days.

**Manuela W. Kinyanjui Court No. 1** processed 41 cases with 0% on-time starts and 0% disposal rate, with no next-date data recorded.

**Hon. A.O. Casmir** heard 38 cases with 0% on-time performance and 3% disposal rate.

**Hon. T.K. Nambisia** managed 38 cases with 3% on-time performance and 0% disposal rate, with 72-day average next-date intervals.

**Hon. Justine Asiago** heard 38 cases with 0% on-time performance and 0% disposal rate.

**Hon. Barbara A. Akinyi** presided over 33 cases with a strong 61% on-time rate and 9% disposal rate.

**Hon. Grace Waithira (RM)** managed 29 cases with 10% on-time performance but achieved a 38% disposal rate, the week's third-best.

**Hon. J.W. Nasimiyu Small Claims** heard 19 cases with 0% on-time performance and 0% disposal rate.

**Hon. Caroline K. Ireri** presided over 17 cases with 12% on-time performance and a strong 41% disposal rate.

**Hon. Mathenge, Stella Wanjiru** heard 13 cases with 0% on-time performance and 0% disposal rate.

**Nkurrunah Namunyak** and **Grace Waithira (RM)** each heard minimal caseloads (4 and 3 cases respectively) with 0% on-time performance.

**Hon. S.W. Mathenge** heard 1 case with 100% on-time performance and 100% disposal rate.

All cases this week were heard with counsel representation; no cases involved self-represented litigants or mixed representation arrangements.

## Next-Date Gap Ranking

The interval between a case's cause-list hearing date and the next scheduled date serves as a proxy for case progression velocity. Shorter gaps indicate faster scheduling and, potentially, speedier resolution timelines.

- 1. Hon. Barbara A. Akinyi** — 31.1 days average (13 cases): The fastest scheduler, providing the quickest return dates.
- 2. Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Mr.) (SRM)** — 40 days average (24 cases): Consistent and efficient scheduling across a substantial caseload.
- 3. Hon. Mokaya Edith Bonareri** — 40.6 days average (24 cases): Marginally behind Kagenyo, maintaining efficient case progression.
- 4. Hon. A.O. Casmir** — 44 days average (1 case): Limited data due to small sample size.
- 5. Hon. Grace Waithira (RM)** — 44 days average (13 cases): Solidly mid-range scheduling performance.
- 6. Hon. P.N. Makokha** — 59.5 days average (22 cases): Extended intervals between cause-list and next date.
- 7. Hon. Caroline K. Ireri** — 59.5 days average (4 cases): Comparable to Makokha, though smaller dataset.
- 8. Hon. T.K. Nambisia** — 72 days average (1 case): Limited sample, but suggests longer case intervals.
- 9. Hon. A.G. Njuguna** — 84 days average (7 cases): Extended scheduling gaps despite high caseload.
- 10. Gladys Kiamah** — 99.4 days average (9 cases): The longest average interval, indicating significantly protracted case progression timelines.

The data reveals a three-tier pattern: a fast tier (Akinyi, Kagenyo, Bonareri) operating within 31–41 days; a middle tier (Casmir, Waithira, Makokha, Ireri) at 44–60 days; and a slow tier (Nambisia, Njuguna, Kiamah) extending beyond 72 days. This variation suggests differing case management practices or docket pressures across the judicial officer cohort and warrants closer institutional examination.

## Case Outcomes

Outcome	Count	%
Unknown	349	56.7%
Adjourned	69	11.2%
Determined	37	6%
Check CTS	35	5.7%
Court not sitting	26	4.2%
No Show	23	3.7%
Postponed	19	3.1%
Judgment Delivered	10	1.6%
Struck Out	10	1.6%
Part Heard	9	1.5%
Dismissed	9	1.5%
Settled	7	1.1%
Awaiting Judgment	6	1%
Withdrawn	4	0.7%
Ruling Delivered	2	0.3%

## Judicial Officer Performance

Judicial Officer	Cases	On-Time %	Disposal %	Adj. %
HON. A. G. NJUGUNA	107	0%	2%	0%
GLADYS KIAMAHA	82	46%	7%	0%
HON.MOKAYA EDITH BONARERI	53	13%	32%	8%
HON.KIONGO KAGENYO (MR.) (SRM)	50	80%	20%	50%
HON. P.N. MAKOKHA	49	35%	39%	31%
MANUELA W. KINYANJUI COURT NO. 1	41	0%	0%	0%
HON. A.O CASMIR	38	0%	3%	0%
HON. T. K. NAMBISIA	38	3%	0%	3%
HON. JUSTINE ASIAGO	38	0%	0%	0%
HON. BARBARA A. AKINYI	33	61%	9%	30%

Judicial Officer	Cases	On-Time %	Disposal %	Adj. %
HON. GRACE WAITHIRA (RM)	29	10%	38%	41%
HON. J.W.NASIMIYU SMALL CLAIMS	19	0%	0%	0%
HON. CAROLINE K. IRERI	17	12%	41%	12%
HON. MATHENGE, STELLA WANJIRU	13	0%	0%	0%
NKURRUNAH NAMUNYAK	4	0%	0%	0%
GRACE WAITHIRA (RM)	3	0%	0%	0%
HON. S.W. MATHENGE	1	100%	100%	0%

## Case Stages

Stage	Count
Mention	530
Hearing	32
Judgment	21
Directions	19
Application	5
Pre-Trial Conference	3
Ruling	2
Cross-Examination	1
Consent Order	1
Plea	1

## Representation Type

Type	Count
COUNSEL	375
IN_PERSON	0
MIXED	0

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