

# Week That Was at the Small Claims Court

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## Key Metrics

TOTAL CASES	DISPOSED	ADJOURNED	ON-TIME	AVG DURATION	JO COUNT
1625	16%	16%	0%	4.70	27

## Executive Analysis

### Week at a Glance

Week 2026-W08 recorded 1,625 cases heard across the Small Claims Court, with outcomes heavily weighted toward mention-stage proceedings (1,301 cases). The court achieved 169 substantive disposals through judgment delivery, settlement, determination, and consent orders combined, while 259 cases were adjourned—a 15.9% adjournment rate—and 209 sessions did not proceed due to court non-sitting. A critical finding emerged: zero cases commenced on time across all 1,625 sessions, indicating a systemic timeliness challenge requiring institutional attention.

### Outcomes Analysis

The outcome distribution reveals a court system dominated by preliminary mention stages, with 711 cases (43.8%) recording unknown outcomes and 1,301 cases (80.1%) remaining at the mention stage. Substantive case disposals totaled 169: 72 judgments delivered, 22 settled, 11 determined, 10 consent orders, 84 dismissed, and other outcomes. Adjournments accounted for 259 cases (15.9%), with the preponderance attributed to court non-sitting (44 cases cited directly), followed by ruling unavailability (8 cases) and party absence (13 cases combined). The low settlement rate of 22 cases suggests either limited pre-hearing dispute resolution mechanisms or parties advancing matters through full adjudication. The high proportion of unknown outcomes (711 cases) indicates potential data capture or classification gaps requiring systematic review.

### Timeliness & Efficiency

The zero percent on-time commencement rate across all 1,625 cases represents a significant systemic issue, suggesting either scheduling constraints, courtroom preparation delays, or data recording inconsistencies. Average hearing duration was notably brief at 4.7 minutes per case, consistent with the mention-stage dominance in the docket. This compressed timeframe is appropriate for preliminary directions but raises questions about the adequacy of substantive hearing allocations for the 159 cases at the hearing stage and 72 cases requiring judgment pronouncements. The adjournment rate of 15.9% remains within acceptable parameters for lower courts, though the concentration of non-sitting adjournments (44 instances) suggests scheduled judicial absence or court closure periods materially impacted weekly throughput.

### Judicial Officer Highlights

**HON. A. G. NJUGUNA** heard 231 cases with zero percent disposal rate, indicating a docket composed entirely of mention-stage matters with no finalized outcomes.

**HON. T. K. NAMBISIA** managed 190 cases at 32% disposal rate, with an average 71.7-day interval to next date—the longest scheduling gap recorded, potentially indicating scheduling congestion or matter complexity.

**HON. MOKAYA EDITH BONARERI** recorded 174 cases at 41% disposal rate, the second-highest among senior-volume judicial officers, with a 54.7-day average scheduling interval.

**HON. JUSTINE ASIAGO** heard 139 cases with zero percent disposal rate, consistent with mention-stage processing.

**HON. CAROLINE K. IRERI** managed 123 cases at 10% disposal rate with a 23.4-day scheduling interval.

**HON. GLADYS KIAMAHA** (listed with 118 cases) recorded zero percent disposal; however, a separately listed entry shows **GLADYS KIAMAHA** (38 cases) at 58% disposal rate with a 107-day scheduling interval, suggesting possible data integration inconsistencies requiring clarification.

**HON. V. K. MOMANYI** heard 117 cases at 21% disposal rate with the shortest scheduling interval of 13 days, indicating efficient matter progression.

**HON. MATHENGE, STELLA WANJIRU** managed 98 cases at 29% disposal rate with a 34.7-day scheduling interval.

**HON. KIONGO KAGENYO (MR.) (SRM)** handled 85 cases at 22% disposal rate with a 45-day scheduling interval across 46 matter movements.

**HON. P.N. MAKOKHA** heard 74 cases at 11% disposal rate with a 47.5-day scheduling interval.

**HON. J.W. NASIMIYU** managed 62 cases at 2% disposal rate with an 18.3-day scheduling interval, indicating rapid matter scheduling despite minimal disposals.

**HON. MANUELA W. KINYANJUI** (listed with 51 cases) recorded zero percent disposal; a separate entry shows **MANUELA W. KINYANJUI** (29 cases) at 48% disposal rate with a 19-day interval.

**HON. A.O. CASMIR** heard 33 cases with zero percent disposal rate.

**HON. BARBARA A. AKINYI** managed 28 cases at 7% disposal rate with a 28.6-day scheduling interval.

**HON. SHADRACK OBURE OTUKE (SRM), HON. GRACE WAITHIRA, HON. NG'ANG'A NELLIEANNE WAMBUI, HON. OMONDI CORNEL OCHIENG, HON. JOHN OBETO MANASSES, HON. HABROVINAH NYAMWEYA, HON. KEMUMA SARAH MANYURA, HON. KOMBE LARRY MATAWI (RM), HON. GRACE MUTEMI, and HON. F.C. NGETICH** each heard between 1 and 9 cases with zero percent disposal rates, reflecting minimal weekly caseloads and preliminary-stage processing.

## Next-Date Gap Ranking

The average interval between cause-list hearing date and next scheduled date reveals material variation in case progression velocity:

1. **HON. V. K. MOMANYI**: 13 days average (39 cases) — most efficient scheduling
2. **HON. J.W. NASIMIYU**: 18.3 days average (6 cases)
3. **MANUELA W. KINYANJUI**: 19 days average (2 cases)
4. **HON. CAROLINE K. IRERI**: 23.4 days average (5 cases)
5. **HON. BARBARA A. AKINYI**: 28.6 days average (12 cases)
6. **HON. MATHENGE, STELLA WANJIRU**: 34.7 days average (37 cases)
7. **HON. KIONGO KAGENYO (MR.) (SRM)**: 45 days average (46 cases)
8. **HON. P.N. MAKOKHA**: 47.5 days average (22 cases)
9. **HON. MOKAYA EDITH BONARERI**: 54.7 days average (39 cases)
10. **HON. T. K. NAMBISIA**: 71.7 days average (41 cases) — slowest scheduling
11. **GLADYS KIAMAHA**: 107 days average (5 cases) — significantly extended interval

The 94-day spread between fastest (**HON. V. K. MOMANYI** at 13 days) and slowest (**GLADYS KIAMAHA** at 107 days) indicates disparate case management practices or docket pressures. Judicial officers scheduling cases within 13–28 days demonstrate responsive case progression suitable for small claims dispute resolution. Those with 45+ day intervals may face volumetric constraints, scheduling inflexibility, or matter complexity requiring extended preparation periods. The extended 107-day interval recorded for one judicial officer warrants management review to identify causative factors and optimization opportunities.

## Case Outcomes

Outcome	Count	%
Unknown	711	43.8%
Adjourned	259	15.9%
Court not sitting	209	12.9%
Further Mention	90	5.5%
Dismissed	84	5.2%
Judgment Delivered	72	4.4%
Withdrawn	46	2.8%
Ruling Reserved	30	1.8%
Not Reached	28	1.7%
Part Heard	25	1.5%
Settled	22	1.4%
Struck Out	18	1.1%
Determined	11	0.7%
Consent Order	10	0.6%
Postponed	10	0.6%

## Judicial Officer Performance

Judicial Officer	Cases	On-Time %	Disposal %	Adj. %
HON. A. G. NJUGUNA	231	0%	0%	0%
HON. T. K. NAMBISIA	190	0%	32%	13%
HON.MOKAYA EDITH BONARERI	174	0%	41%	7%
HON. JUSTINE ASIAGO	139	0%	0%	0%
HON. CAROLINE K. IRERI	123	0%	10%	5%
HON, GLADYS KIAMAHA	118	0%	0%	0%
HON. V. K. MOMANYI	117	0%	21%	33%
HON. MATHENGE, STELLA WANJIRU	98	0%	29%	21%
HON.KIONGO KAGENYO (MR.) (SRM)	85	0%	22%	69%
HON. P.N. MAKOKHA	74	0%	11%	28%
HON. J.W.NASIMIYU	62	0%	2%	56%
HON. MANUELA W. KINYANJUI	51	0%	0%	0%
GLADYS KIAMAHA	38	0%	58%	5%
HON. A.O CASMIR	33	0%	0%	39%
MANUELA W. KINYANJUI	29	0%	48%	48%

Judicial Officer	Cases	On-Time %	Disposal %	Adj. %
HON. BARBARA A. AKINYI	28	0%	7%	43%
HON. SHADRACK OBURE OTUKE - SRM	9	0%	0%	0%
Unknown	8	0%	0%	0%
HON. GRACE WAITHIRA	6	0%	0%	0%
HON. NG'ANG'A NELLIEANNE WAMBUI	3	0%	0%	0%
HON. OMONDI CORNEL OCHIENG	2	0%	0%	0%
HON. JOHN OBETO MANASSES	2	0%	0%	0%
HON.HABROVINAH NYAMWEYA	1	0%	0%	0%
HON. KEMUMA SARAH MANYURA	1	0%	0%	0%
HON. KOMBE LARRY MATAWI (RM)	1	0%	0%	0%
HON. GRACE MUTEMI	1	0%	0%	0%
HON. F.C. NGETICH	1	0%	0%	0%

## Case Stages

Stage	Count
Mention	1301
Hearing	159
Judgment	72
Directions	60
Ruling	23
Post Judgment Application	6
Execution Proceedings	3
Conference	1

## Representation Type

Type	Count
COUNSEL	920
IN_PERSON	0
MIXED	0

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