

# Week That Was at the Small Claims Court

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## Key Metrics

TOTAL CASES	DISPOSED	ADJOURNED	ON-TIME	AVG DURATION	JO COUNT
<b>1973</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>28</b>

## Executive Analysis

### Week at a Glance

The Small Claims Court processed 1,973 cases across 1,973 sessions during week nine of 2026, with outcomes heavily skewed toward procedural continuations rather than final dispositions. A striking 53% of cases (1,046) recorded outcomes classified as "Unknown," while 19% were adjourned, together accounting for the vast majority of judicial activity. Only 162 cases—approximately 8% of the week's docket—resulted in final determinations, judgments, or settlements, indicating that the court's caseload remains in early to mid-stage proceedings.

### Outcomes Analysis

The outcome distribution reveals a court system dominated by mention-stage activity and procedural adjournments. Of 1,973 cases, 1,666 (84%) were at the mention stage, suggesting most disputes are in initial phases. The adjournment rate of 19% (374 cases) was driven primarily by jurisdictional transfers, with 28 cases referred to magistrate's court due to personal injury matters exceeding small claims jurisdiction. A further 19 cases were transferred to Hon. Chepchumba Carolyne Rono following Hon. Asiago's transfer. Parties' absence accounted for seven adjournments, while eight cases involved service confirmation or documentation preparation delays.

Final dispositions totaled 162 cases: 82 judgments delivered, 45 determined, 56 withdrawn, 46 dismissed, 16 consent orders, and 15 settled. The "Unknown" category (1,046 cases) suggests either incomplete data recording or cases where outcomes were not formally classified—a matter warranting administrative review. Rulings were reserved in 91 cases, indicating substantive hearing activity, while 100 cases were marked for further mention and 44 remained part-heard.

### Timeliness & Efficiency

A critical finding emerges in the on-time start rate: zero of 1,973 cases began on schedule (0%). This court-wide phenomenon indicates systematic delays in session commencement, regardless of judicial officer or case type. Average hearing duration stood at 4.1 minutes per case, an exceptionally brief interval reflecting the mention-dominated caseload and the procedural nature of most sessions. This figure is consistent with a court functioning primarily as a case management and scheduling mechanism rather than a forum for substantive hearing.

The combination of zero on-time starts and minimal hearing duration suggests operational constraints—whether in cause-list preparation, courtroom availability, or scheduling—that warrant investigation by court administration. Extended periods between cause-list date and next adjournment (ranging from 13 to 87 days depending on the judicial officer) further compound delays in case progression.

### Judicial Officer Highlights

Hon. Caroline K. Ireri presided over 203 cases with a 5% disposal rate and average 32.9-day intervals to next dates. Hon. Justine Asiago heard 192 cases, achieving an 18% disposal rate with notably swift 15.2-day scheduling intervals before her transfer. Hon. A. G. Njuguna processed 163 cases with 0% disposal, while Hon. T. K. Nambisia handled 159 cases at 14% disposal but with extended 73-day intervals. Hon. Gladys Kiamah (listed twice in data with 159 and 126 cases respectively) showed contrasting metrics: the 126-case record reflects 33% disposal at 87.4-day intervals.

Hon. Mathenge, Stella Wanjiru managed 158 cases (11% disposal, 37.1 days); Hon. E. B. Mokaya oversaw 137 cases (0% disposal); Hon. J. W. Nasimiyu heard 126 cases (13% disposal, 15.5 days). Hon. V. K. Momanyi processed 116 cases (24% disposal, 13-day intervals), while Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo presided over 109 cases (24% disposal, 53.4 days). Hon. P. N. Makokha handled 99 cases (14% disposal, 77.8 days); Manuela W. Kinyanjui heard 98 cases (38% disposal, 31.2 days); and Hon. Mokaya Edith Bonareri managed 39 cases with the strongest performance at 51% disposal despite 38.4-day intervals.

Hon. Chepchumba Carolyne Rono processed 29 cases (21% disposal, 31.1 days), while Hon. Barbara A. Akinyi, Hon. A. O Casmir, and other judicial officers with minimal case loads recorded 0% disposal rates. Hon. Mwachi Richard Chesoni, Hon. F. C. Ngetich, Hon. Lule Anne Kalekye, Hon. Ng'ang'a Nellie Anne Wambui, Hon. Tobias O. Omono, Hon. Kemuma Sarah Manyura, Hon. Geoffrey M. Mokuu, Hon. Habrovinah Nyamweya, and Hon. John Obeto Manasses each presided over single cases.

### Next-Date Gap Ranking

Judicial officers ranked by average interval between cause-list date and next date given (shorter durations indicate faster case scheduling):

1. **Hon. V. K. Momanyi** - 13 days (64 cases)
2. **Hon. Justine Asiago** - 15.2 days (46 cases)
3. **Hon. J. W. Nasimiyu** - 15.5 days (22 cases)
4. **Hon. Chepchumba Carolyne Rono** - 31.1 days (16 cases)
5. **Manuela W. Kinyanjui** - 31.2 days (35 cases)
6. **Hon. Caroline K. Ireri** - 32.9 days (27 cases)
7. **Hon. Mathenge, Stella Wanjiru** - 37.1 days (39 cases)
8. **Hon. Mokaya Edith Bonareri** - 38.4 days (14 cases)
9. **Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Mr.) (SRM)** - 53.4 days (36 cases)
10. **Hon. T. K. Nambisia** - 73 days (32 cases)
11. **Hon. P. N. Makokha** - 77.8 days (26 cases)
12. **Gladys Kiamah** - 87.4 days (19 cases)

The data demonstrates substantial variance in case progression pace. Hon. Momanyi, Hon. Asiago, and Hon. Nasimiyu schedule next dates within two to three weeks, enabling faster case movement. Conversely, Hon. Nambisia, Hon. Makokha, and Gladys Kiamah extend intervals to 73-87 days, materially slowing progression. For cases at the mention stage, shorter intervals facilitate quicker advancement toward substantive hearing. The relationship between disposal rate and scheduling speed shows mixed correlation: Hon. Asiago achieves 18% disposal with 15.2-day intervals, while Hon. Makokha manages 14% disposal at 77.8-day intervals, suggesting that scheduling frequency alone does not guarantee higher case resolution.

### Case Outcomes

Outcome	Count	%
Unknown	1046	53%
Adjourned	374	19%
Further Mention	100	5.1%
Ruling Reserved	91	4.6%
Judgment Delivered	82	4.2%
Withdrawn	56	2.8%

Outcome	Count	%
Dismissed	46	2.3%
Determined	45	2.3%
Part Heard	44	2.2%
Not Reached	30	1.5%
Consent Order	16	0.8%
Settled	15	0.8%
Postponed	13	0.7%
Struck Out	12	0.6%
Court not sitting	3	0.2%

## Judicial Officer Performance

Judicial Officer	Cases	On-Time %	Disposal %	Adj. %
HON. CAROLINE K. IRERI	203	0%	5%	13%
HON. JUSTINE ASIAGO	192	0%	18%	50%
HON. A. G. NJUGUNA	163	0%	0%	0%
HON. T. K. NAMBSIA	159	0%	14%	16%
HON, GLADYS KIAMAHA	159	0%	0%	0%
HON. MATHENGE, STELLA WANJIRU	158	0%	11%	14%
HON.E.B.MOKAYA	137	0%	0%	0%
GLADYS KIAMAHA	126	0%	33%	9%
HON. J.W.NASIMIYU	126	0%	13%	4%
HON. V. K. MOMANYI	116	0%	24%	46%
HON.KIONGO KAGENYO (MR.) (SRM)	109	0%	24%	38%
HON. P.N. MAKOKHA	99	0%	14%	26%
MANUELA W. KINYANJUI	98	0%	38%	41%
HON.MOKAYA EDITH BONARERI	39	0%	51%	26%
HON.CHEPCHUMBA CAROLYNE RONO	29	0%	21%	62%
HON. BARBARA A. AKINYI	24	0%	0%	0%
HON. A.O CASMIR	15	0%	0%	0%
Unknown	7	0%	0%	0%
HON. MWACHI RICHARD CHESONI	3	0%	0%	0%
HON. MANUELA W. KINYANJUI	2	0%	0%	0%
HON. F.C. NGETICH	2	0%	0%	0%

Judicial Officer	Cases	On-Time %	Disposal %	Adj. %
HON.LULE ANNE KALEKYE	1	0%	0%	0%
HON. NG'ANG'A NELLIEANNE WAMBUI	1	0%	0%	0%
HON. TOBIAS O. OMONO	1	0%	0%	0%
HON. KEMUMA SARAH MANYURA	1	0%	0%	0%
HON. GEOFFREY M. MOKUA	1	0%	0%	0%
HON.HABROVINAH NYAMWEYA	1	0%	0%	0%
HON. JOHN OBETO MANASSES	1	0%	0%	0%

## Case Stages

Stage	Count
Mention	1666
Hearing	108
Judgment	88
Directions	49
Ruling	44
Post Judgment Application	8
Mediation	4
Pre-Trial	3
Execution Proceedings	2
Conference	1

## Representation Type

Type	Count
COUNSEL	1049
IN_PERSON	0
MIXED	0

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