

# Week That Was at the Small Claims Court

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## Key Metrics

TOTAL CASES	DISPOSED	ADJOURNED	ON-TIME	AVG DURATION	JO COUNT
1600	12%	10%	0%	5.00	55

## Executive Analysis

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#### Week at a Glance

The Small Claims Court processed 1,600 cases across 1,600 sessions during week 12 of 2026, with a pronounced concentration of cases at the mention stage (1,309 cases). Notably, 575 cases were recorded with unknown outcomes, while only 85 judgments were delivered and 45 cases determined, underscoring the early-stage nature of most cases heard. The adjournment rate stood at 9.6%, driven predominantly by directions to be issued through the court's case tracking system and fixed judgment dates.

#### Outcomes Analysis

The case outcome distribution reveals a court system heavily weighted toward preliminary proceedings. Mention-stage cases dominated at 81.8% of all cases heard, reflecting the Small Claims Court's triage function. Only 130 cases reached finality this week through judgment delivery (85 cases), determinations (45 cases), or consent orders (16 cases)—representing 8.1% of the total caseload.

The adjournment rate of 9.6% (154 adjournments) remained modest, with the leading adjournment reason being "directions to be given via the CTS" (19 cases), indicating systemic reliance on electronic case management. A secondary theme emerged from adjournments linked to fixed judgment dates, suggesting the court is actively scheduling outcomes. Other procedural reasons for adjournment included allowing time for amended pleadings, completion of service, and unsuccessful alternative dispute resolution attempts.

The 21 settled cases and 16 cases resolved by consent order together comprise 37 finalized cases through party agreement—a meaningful subset of weekly disposals. Notably, 64 cases were dismissed for want of prosecution and 67 cases marked non-attendance, collectively accounting for 8.2% of the caseload and signaling potential case management challenges.

#### Timeliness & Efficiency

On-time case commencement presented a critical finding: zero of the 1,600 cases commenced on schedule, yielding a 0% on-time start rate across all judicial officers. This systemic issue suggests either scheduling constraints, cumulative backlogs, or consistent operational delays affecting the entire court.

Average hearing duration was recorded at 5 minutes, consistent with the mention-stage prevalence and preliminary nature of weekly proceedings. This brief duration aligns with expected outputs for status conferences and directions hearings rather than substantive evidentiary hearings.

The further mention outcome (144 cases) and the "not reached" classification (89 cases) together account for 233 cases—14.6% of the weekly caseload—indicating that substantive hearing capacity remains constrained relative to caseload volume.

## Judicial Officer Highlights

**Hon. Chepchumba Carolyne Rono** heard 124 cases across multiple entries, achieving a 26% disposal rate on her largest assignment and a 10% disposal rate on a secondary cohort of 110 cases. Her average scheduling interval ranged from 54.3 to 59.4 days between cause-list and next date. **Hon. E.B. Mokaya** and **Hon. T.K. Nambisia** each managed substantial caseloads (119 and 74 cases respectively) while recording zero disposal rates, suggesting a concentration on mention-stage proceedings.

**Hon. Manuela W. Kinyanjui** demonstrated strong performance with a 38% disposal rate on 79 cases and an average 46.6-day scheduling gap. **Hon. Gladys Kiamah** heard 76 cases with a 21% disposal rate and the longest average scheduling interval at 67.5 days. **Hon. Caroline K. Ireri** managed 128 combined cases across entries, achieving disposal rates of 29–32% with competitive scheduling at 43.2 days average. **Hon. A.G. Njuguna** recorded mixed performance: a 35% disposal rate on 62 cases (54.5-day average) and a 4% disposal rate on 56 cases (97.4-day average), indicating variability by assignment.

**Hon. P.N. Makokha** heard 120 combined cases at a zero to 19% disposal rate range, with consistent scheduling around 47–47.8 days. **Hon. V.K. Momanyi** managed 93 cases with disposal rates ranging from 0–24% and notably faster scheduling intervals of 9–13.8 days—the most efficient in the court. **Mr. Kiongo Kagenyo** (appearing across multiple designations including Magistrate and Senior Resident Magistrate) handled 88 combined cases with disposal rates of 0–30% and scheduling intervals averaging 30.8–39 days.

**Hon. Grace Mutemi, Hon. Barbara A. Akinyi, Hon. Justine Asiago, Hon. Kemuma Sarah Manyura**, and several others each heard 10–46 cases while recording zero disposal rates, consistent with mention-stage caseloads. **Hon. Lydia M. Mwanzia, Hon. Esther Butoyi, Hon. Linet Lusweti, Hon. Iqra Hassan Bare, Hon. Eric K. Muriuki, Hon. Mercy Mahura**, and others each processed small caseloads of 9–12 cases with zero disposals. **Hon. Geoffrey M. Mokuu, Hon. Mathenge, Stella Wanjiru, Hon. Kithinji Everlister Kathure**, and **Ms. Diero** each heard minimal cases (1–3) with correspondingly limited outcome metrics.

## Next-Date Gap Ranking

The following ranking reflects average days between cause-list date and the next date assigned, where shorter intervals indicate more efficient case scheduling:

1. **Hon. V.K. Momanyi** – 9 days (1 case)
2. **Hon. V.K. Momanyi** – 13.8 days (28 cases)
3. **Mr. Kiongo Kagenyo** (SRM) – 30.8 days (29 cases)
4. **Mr. Kiongo Kagenyo** (Magistrate) – 35.8 days (5 cases)
5. **Mr. Kiongo Kagenyo** (Magistrate/SRM) – 38 days (1 case)
6. **Senior Resident Magistrate Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo** – 39 days (2 cases)
7. **Mr. Kiongo Kagenyo** (Magistrate/Senior Resident Magistrate) – 41 days (1 case)
8. **Hon. Caroline K. Ireri** – 43.2 days (28 cases)
9. **Ms. Diero** – 45 days (1 case)
10. **Hon. Manuela W. Kinyanjui** – 46.6 days (25 cases)
11. **Hon. P.N. Makokha** – 47.2 days (5 cases)
12. **Hon. P.N. Makokha** – 47.8 days (24 cases)
13. **Hon. Chepchumba Carolyne Rono** – 54.3 days (3 cases)
14. **Hon. A.G. Njuguna** – 54.5 days (27 cases)
15. **Hon. Chepchumba Carolyne Rono** – 59.4 days (79 cases)
16. **Hon. Gladys Kiamah** – 67.5 days (26 cases)
17. **Manuela W. Kinyanjui** – 68 days (1 case)
18. **Gladys Kiamah** – 79 days (4 cases)
19. **Hon. A.G. Njuguna** – 97.4 days (10 cases)
20. **Hon. Ms. Diero** – 410 days (1 case)

The data reveals substantial variation in case scheduling efficiency. **Hon. V.K. Momanyi** emerges as the most agile scheduler, setting next dates within 9–13.8 days—less than half the court-wide median. **Mr. Kiongo Kagenyo** and colleagues **Hon. Caroline K. Ireri, Hon. Manuela W. Kinyanjui**, and **Hon. P.N. Makokha** maintain competitive intervals of 30.8–47.8 days. In contrast, **Hon. A.G. Njuguna's**

## Case Outcomes

Outcome	Count	%
Unknown	575	35.9%
Adjourned	154	9.6%
Further Mention	144	9%
Court not sitting	140	8.8%
Not Reached	89	5.6%
Judgment Delivered	85	5.3%
Ruling Reserved	78	4.9%
Non-Attendance	67	4.2%
Dismissed for Want of Prosecution	64	4%
Hearing Date Fixed	53	3.3%
Determined	45	2.8%
Part Heard	28	1.8%
Settled	21	1.3%
Postponed	17	1.1%
Consent Order	16	1%
Withdrawn	16	1%
Dismissed	5	0.3%
Struck Out	3	0.2%

## Judicial Officer Performance

Judicial Officer	Cases	On-Time %	Disposal %	Adj. %
Hon. Chepchumba Carolyne Rono	124	0%	26%	23%
HON.E.B.MOKAYA	119	0%	0%	0%
HON.CHEPCHUMBA CAROLYNE RONO	110	0%	10%	25%
Hon. Manuela W. Kinyanjui	79	0%	38%	18%
Hon. Gladys Kiamah	76	0%	21%	0%
HON. T. K. NAMBISIA	74	0%	0%	0%
Hon. Caroline K. Ireri	72	0%	29%	32%
HON. J.W.NASIMIYU	70	0%	0%	0%

Judicial Officer	Cases	On-Time %	Disposal %	Adj. %
HON. P.N. MAKOKHA	66	0%	0%	5%
Hon. A. G. Njuguna	62	0%	35%	6%
HON. A. G. NJUGUNA	56	0%	4%	0%
HON. CAROLINE K. IRERI	56	0%	32%	2%
Hon. P.N. Makokha	54	0%	19%	22%
Hon. V. K. Momanyi	49	0%	24%	29%
HON, GLADYS KIAMAHA	47	0%	0%	0%
HON. GRACE MUTEMI	46	0%	0%	0%
HON. V. K. MOMANYI	44	0%	0%	20%
HON. BARBARA A. AKINYI	43	0%	0%	0%
Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Mr.) (SRM)	38	0%	21%	26%
HON. JUSTINE ASIAGO	30	0%	0%	0%
HON. KEMUMA SARAH MANYURA	29	0%	0%	0%
HON.KIONGO KAGENYO (MR.) (SRM)	23	0%	0%	0%
HON. MANUELA W. KINYANJUI	19	0%	0%	0%
GLADYS KIAMAHA	16	0%	0%	6%
Senior Resident Magistrate HON.KIONGO KAGENYO (MR.) (SRM)	15	0%	20%	0%
HON. A.O CASMIR	13	0%	0%	0%
HON. LYDIA M. MWANZIA	12	0%	0%	0%
HON. ESTHER BUTOYI	11	0%	0%	0%
HON. LINET LUSWETI	10	0%	0%	0%
HON. IQRA HASSAN BARE	10	0%	0%	0%
HON. ERIC K. MURIUKI	10	0%	0%	0%
HON. MERCY MAHURA	10	0%	0%	0%
HON. S. S. ORIWO	10	0%	0%	0%
HON. NAOMI N. MULIRO	10	0%	0%	0%
HON. SUSAN NJOKI NDUNG'U	10	0%	0%	0%
HON J.M. KILIKU	10	0%	0%	0%
HON. L. CHEPKORIR	10	0%	0%	0%
HON. SHIRLEY B. KERUBO OKEIGA	10	0%	0%	0%
Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Magistrate)	10	0%	30%	20%
HON. FILAH MARTINS	9	0%	0%	0%
HON. F.C. NGETICH	7	0%	0%	14%

Judicial Officer	Cases	On-Time %	Disposal %	Adj. %
MANUELA W. KINYANJUI	4	0%	50%	0%
HON.KITHINJI EVERLISTER KATHURE	3	0%	0%	0%
HON. CHEPCHUMBA CAROLYNE RONO	2	0%	0%	50%
HON. GEOFFREY M. MOKUA	2	0%	0%	0%
HON. MATHENGE, STELLA WANJIRU	1	0%	0%	0%
Hon. Ms. Diero	1	0%	0%	0%
Ms. Diero (Judicial Officer)	1	0%	0%	0%
Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Senior Resident Magistrate)	1	0%	0%	0%
Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Magistrate) (SRM)	1	0%	0%	100%
Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Mr.)	1	0%	0%	100%
Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Mr.), Senior Resident Magistrate	1	0%	0%	0%
Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Magistrate/SRM)	1	0%	0%	0%
Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Magistrate/Judge)	1	0%	100%	0%
Hon. Kiongo Kagenyo (Magistrate/Senior Resident Magistrate)	1	0%	0%	100%

## Case Stages

Stage	Count
Mention	1309
Hearing	94
Judgment	85
Directions	74
Ruling	27
Mediation	9
Conference	1
Post Judgment Application	1

## Representation Type

Type	Count
COUNSEL	715
IN_PERSON	0
MIXED	0

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