

# Supreme Court Statistical Highlights 2017

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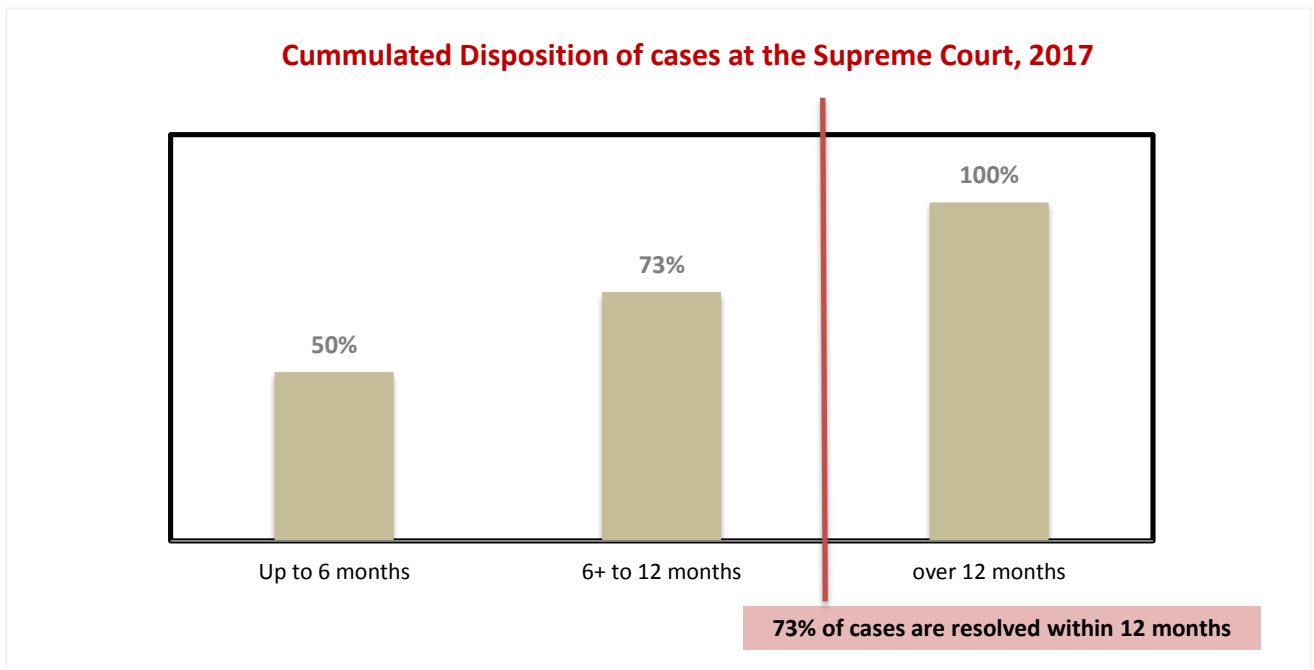
This issue presents some statistics relating to the Supreme Court of Mauritius for the year 2017.

### 1. Summary statistics

#### Summary statistics for the year ended 31 December 2017

<b>Number of cases pending at the beginning of year 2017</b>		<b>7,574</b>
<b>New Cases Lodged</b>	Commercial Court	1,687
	Family Division	3,861
	Registry*(Excluding appeals)	1,151
	Civil Appeals	221
	Criminal Appeals	153
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,073</b>
<b>Cases were heard</b>	up to 6 months	3,282
	6 <sup>+</sup> to 12 months	1,552
	over 12 months	1,748
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,582</b>
<b>Cases outstanding at the end of year 2017</b>		<b>8,065</b>
The average duration of the examination of cases in months		4.0

- A total number of 7,073 new cases were lodged during the year 2017, with 7,574 cases carried forward from previous year.
- Out of 6,582 cases, 73% of cases were disposed of within 12 months and 27% of cases disposed of took more than 12 months.
- 8,065 cases were outstanding for the year ended 31 December 2017.



## 2. Time to Disposition report

- Criminal trials reached a total of 28 cases, while 26 cases were disposed of.
- 1,123 new cases were lodged for civil proceedings, while 1,069 were disposed of for the same period.
- Cases lodged at the Appellate Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court added up to 374 cases (153 Criminal Appeals and 221 Civil Appeals). Out of 287 appeal cases disposed of during the year, 46% resulted from criminal appeals with 54% civil appeals (132 of Criminal Appeals and 155 of Civil Appeals).
- 3,861 new cases were filled at the Family Division of the Supreme Court, with 3,633 cases disposed of for the same period.
- At the Commercial Division, new cases amounted to 1,687 cases, whilst 1,567 cases were disposed of.

**Time to Disposition report of cases at the Supreme Court, 2017**

<b>Supreme Court Registry Le Greffe</b>						
	<b>Criminal Trials</b>	<b>Criminal Appeals</b>	<b>Civil Appeals</b>	<b>Civil Proceedings</b>	<b>Family Division</b>	<b>Commercial Division</b>
<b>New Cases Lodged</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>3,861</b>	<b>1,687</b>
<b>Disposals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>3,633</b>	<b>1,567</b>
≤ 3 months	2	4	5	205	678	1,011
3+ months - 6 months	3	0	2	24	1,202	146
6+ months - 12 months	7	21	31	124	1,245	123
> 12 months	14	107	117	716	508	287
<i>of which</i>						
<b>Disposals by trial adjudication</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>603</b>
<b>Disposals by non-trial adjudication</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>964</b>

**3. Age of Pending Cases Report**

**Age of pending cases at the Supreme Court, 2017**

<b>Total number of cases outstanding at end of the year</b>	<b>8,065</b>
<b><i>Out of which Civil Cases*</i></b>	<b>7,800</b>
≤ 3 months	4%
3+ months - 6 months	3%
6+ months - 12 months	4%
> 12 months	89%
<b><i>Out of which Criminal Cases</i></b>	<b>265</b>
≤ 3 months	11%
3+ months - 6 months	9%
6+ months - 12 months	9%
> 12 months	71%

\*Civil Cases also include Commercial & Family matters

- Out of 8,065 pending cases at the Supreme Court, civil cases accounted for 7,800 cases.
- 265 criminal cases were awaiting judgment at the Supreme Court and out of which, 71% of criminal cases were over 12 months old.

4. Land disputes statistics by categories

**Number of cases according to different categories of land disputes for the year ended 2017**

Category	New Cases Lodged	Cases heard (Disposed of)	Cases outstanding at end of the year	The case hearing lasted		
				up to 6 months	6+ to 12 months	over 12 months
1.1 Ownership	37	1	36	1	0	0
1.2 Prescription	31	4	27	2	2	0
1.3 Division in kind	10	2	8	1	0	1
1.4 Easements/Boundary disputes	12	1	11	1	0	0
1.5 Conflict in land use/sale	32	4	28	0	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

- New land disputes cases amounted to 122 cases during the year 2017 and 12 such cases were disposed of.
- As at 31 December 2017, the total number of cases outstanding at the end of the year amounted to 110 cases.