

Chambers of the Chief Justice

SUPREME COURT OF UGANDA

Plot 2, The Square High Court Building
P. O. Box 7085, Kampala Uganda

IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE ON
THIS SUBJECT PLEASE QUOTE NO.

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO.1 OF 2026

February 17, 2026

The Hon. Justices of the Supreme Court,
The Hon. Justices of the Court of Appeal/Constitutional Court,
The Hon. Judges of the High Court,
The Registrars, Deputy Registrars and Assistant Registrars,
The Chief Magistrates,
The Magistrates Grade One,
The Magistrates Grade Two,
All Judiciary Staff.

**SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF A PAPERLESS COURT SYSTEM IN ALL COURTS WITH
THE ELECTRONIC COURT CASE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM
(ECCMIS)**

WHEREAS, Article 126 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda enjoins the Judiciary to administer justice efficiently, expeditiously, and without undue technicalities;

AWARE THAT the Judiciary has over the years invested in digital transformation to enhance access to justice, transparency, accountability, and operational efficiency;

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NOTING THAT the Electronic Court Case Management Information System (ECCMIS) has been fully rolled out and operationalized in various Courts as the primary case registration, management, and reporting tool;

PURSUANT TO the powers conferred upon the Chief Justice by Article 133 of the Constitution; **I HEREBY ISSUE** this **Administrative Circular** to formally notify all Courts, Judicial Officers, all Judiciary Staff, Advocates and all Court Users as follows:

1. Transition to a Paperless Court System

With effect from **June 01, 2026**, every Court with the Electronic Court Case Management Information System (ECCMIS) as a case management and reporting tool shall go paperless.

2. Scope of the Paperless Regime

Under this regime-

- (a) all filings, service and acknowledgements of Court processes shall be done electronically via ECCMIS;
- (b) manual filing of court documents shall cease in all Courts where ECCMIS is operational;
- (c) physical case files shall no longer be created or maintained, save where expressly authorized under exceptional circumstances.
- (d) The ECCMIS Kiosks at Courts Shall be restricted to persons representing themselves.
- (e) Judicial Officers shall conduct proceedings, manage cases, and deliver decisions using ECCMIS.
- (f) Monthly performance statistics of Courts and judicial officers in all the stations using the ECCMIS shall be generated from the ECCMIS by the Registrar responsible for data management in the Judiciary.



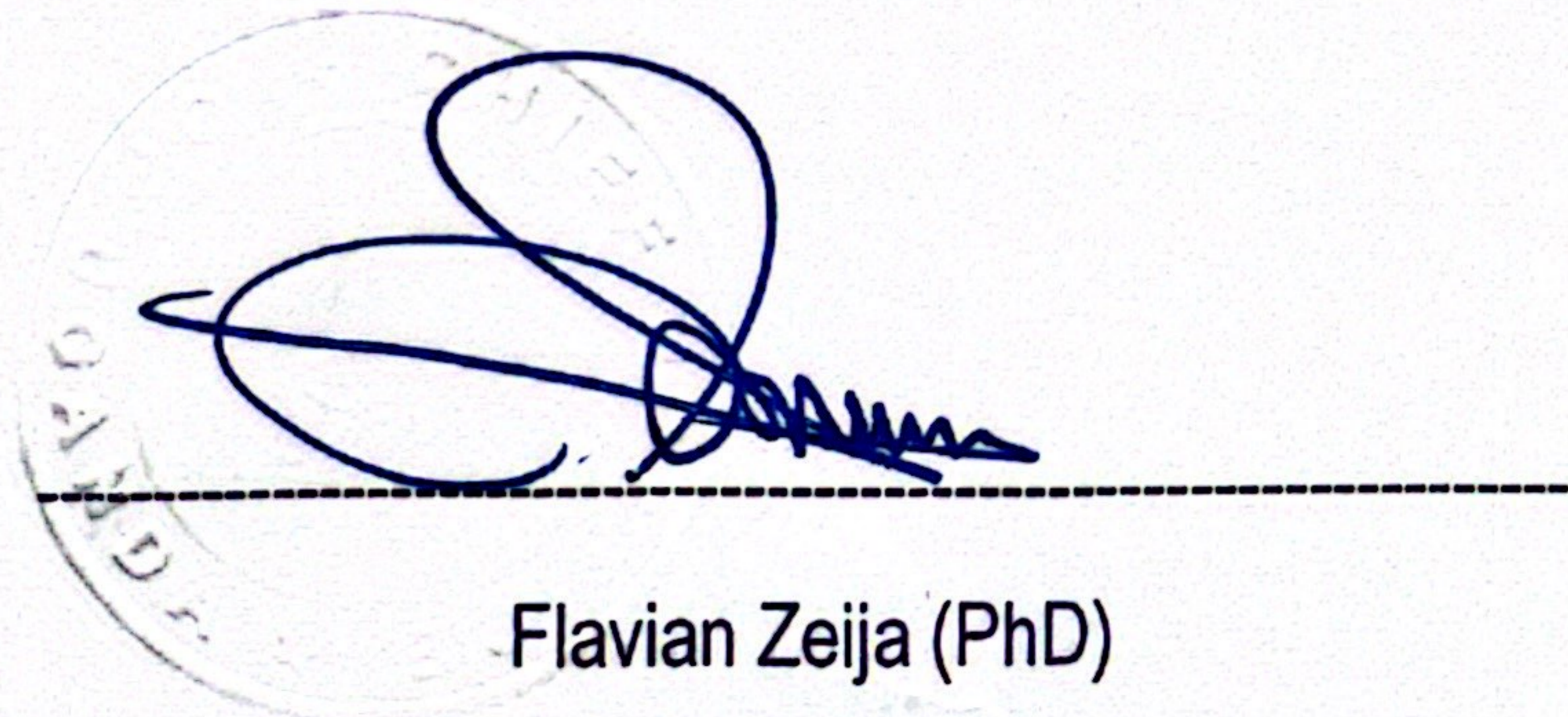
3. Responsibilities of Judicial Officers and Court Staff

- (1) Judicial officers and other staff of the Judiciary are all required to ensure strict compliance with this directive.
- (2) It is the duty of the Judicial Officer to ensure that the statistical data in the ECCMIS at his or her Court/Registry is up-to-date at all times.

4. Compliance

Compliance with this Circular is mandatory for all judicial officers and other staff of the Judiciary.

Issued under my hand this 17th day of February.....2026.



Flavian Zeija (PhD)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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- The Hon. The Deputy Chief Justice
- The Hon. The Principal Judge
- The Permanent Secretary/Secretary to the Judiciary
- The Ag. Chief Registrar
- All Advocates
- All Court Users