



CASE WEIGHTS AND CASE COMPLEXITY

1.0 CASE WEIGHTS - PROPOSED

The following Case Weights are proposed for each category of case and for each Court Level.

Table 1: Civil Cases

Court	Case type	Case Category	Relative adjusted case weight
Supreme Court	Civil	Civil Appeals	4
Supreme Court	Civil	Civil Application	3
Supreme Court	Civil	Constitutional Cases Applications	1
Supreme Court	Civil	Constitutional Petition Cases	5

Court	Case type	Case Category	Relative adjusted case weight
Court of Appeal	Civil	Civil Appeals	4
Court of Appeal	Civil	Civil Application	3
Court of Appeal	Civil	Constitutional Petition Cases	5
Court of Appeal	Civil	Election Petition Appeals	7
Court of Appeal	Civil	Election Petition Applications	1
Court of Appeal	Civil	Mediation Cause	4

Court	Court Division	Case Category	Relative adjusted case weight
High Court	Commercial	Arbitration Cause	1
High Court	Commercial	Bankruptcy Petition	5
High Court	Commercial	Civil Appeals	3
High Court	Commercial	Civil Revisions	3
High Court	Commercial	Civil Suits	6

Court	Court Division	Case Category	Relative adjusted case weight
High Court	Commercial	Company Cause	3
High Court	Commercial	Mediation Cause	5
High Court	Commercial	Miscellaneous Application	1
High Court	Commercial	Originating Summons	1
High Court	Civil	Bankruptcy Petition	3
High Court	Civil	Civil Appeals	3
High Court	Civil	Civil Revisions	1
High Court	Civil	Civil Suits	5
High Court	Civil	Company Cause	3
High Court	Civil	Election Petition Appeals	2
High Court	Civil	Election Petitions	3
High Court	Civil	Mediation Cause	5
High Court	Civil	Miscellaneous Appeals	3
High Court	Civil	Miscellaneous Application	1
High Court	Civil	Miscellaneous Cause	3
High Court	Civil	Originating Summons	1
High Court	Civil	Taxation Application	3
High Court	Family	Administration Causes	1
High Court	Family	Adoption Cause	1
High Court	Family	Civil Appeals	3
High Court	Family	Civil Revisions	7
High Court	Family	Civil Suits with locus visit	6
High Court	Family	Civil Suits without locus visit	5
High Court	Family	Divorce Appeal	3
High Court	Family	Divorce Causes	3
High Court	Family	Family Cause	3
High Court	Family	Mediation Cause	5
High Court	Family	Miscellaneous Application	3
High Court	Family	Miscellaneous Cause	3
High Court	Family	Originating Summons	3
High Court	Land	Civil Appeals	3
High Court	Land	Civil Revisions	1
High Court	Land	Civil Suits	7
High Court	Land	Mediation Cause	5
High Court	Land	Miscellaneous Appeals	1
High Court	Land	Miscellaneous Application	1
High Court	Land	Miscellaneous Cause	3
High Court	Land	Originating Summons	6
High Court	Land	Taxation Application	3

Court	Case type	Case Category	Relative adjusted case weight
Chief Magistrate	Civil	Administration Causes	1
Chief Magistrate	Civil	Civil Appeals	3
Chief Magistrate	Civil	Civil Suits	5
Chief Magistrate	Civil	Divorce Causes	3
Chief Magistrate	Civil	Election Petition Applications	1
Chief Magistrate	Civil	Election Petitions	7
Chief Magistrate	Civil	Family Cause	3
Chief Magistrate	Civil	Miscellaneous Application	1
Chief Magistrate	Civil	Miscellaneous Cause	3
Chief Magistrate	Land	Civil Suits	5
Chief Magistrate	Land	Miscellaneous Application	1
Chief Magistrate	Small claims	Demand Notice	1
Chief Magistrate	Small claims	Small Claims Procedure	1

Table 2: Criminal Cases

Court	Case type	Case Category	Relative adjusted case weight
Supreme Court	Criminal	Criminal Appeals	3
Supreme Court	Criminal	Criminal Applications	3

Court	Case type	Case Category	Relative adjusted case weight
Court of Appeal	Criminal	Criminal Appeals	3
Court of Appeal	Criminal	Criminal Applications	3

Court	Court Division	Case Category	Relative adjusted case weight
High Court	Anti-Corr	Criminal Appeals	8
High Court	Anti-Corr	Criminal Miscellaneous Applications	1
High Court	Anti-Corr	Criminal Offence (Suits)	33
High Court	Anti-Corr	Criminal Revisions	3
High Court	Anti-Corr	Criminal Sessions	61
High Court	Anti-Corr	Miscellaneous Causes	1
High Court	Criminal	Criminal Appeals	3
High Court	Criminal	Criminal Miscellaneous Applications	3
High Court	Criminal	Criminal Revisions	3
High Court	Criminal	Criminal Sessions	3
High Court	Criminal	Miscellaneous Causes	1

Court	Court Division	Case Category	Relative adjusted case weight
High Court	ICD	Criminal Miscellaneous Applications	7
High Court	ICD	Criminal Sessions	9

Court	Case type	Case Category	Relative adjusted case weight
Chief Magistrate	Criminal	Capital Offence (Suits)	9
Chief Magistrate	Criminal	Criminal Appeals	3
Chief Magistrate	Criminal	Criminal Miscellaneous Applications	1
Chief Magistrate	Criminal	Criminal Offence (Suits)	5
Chief Magistrate	Criminal	Criminal Sessions	6
Chief Magistrate	Criminal	Juvenile Capital	7
Chief Magistrate	Criminal	Juvenile Offence	4
Chief Magistrate	Criminal	Miscellaneous Causes	1
Chief Magistrate	Criminal	Traffic Offence with full hearing	4
Chief Magistrate	Criminal	Traffic offence with plea of guilty before hearing	1

Assessing the Panel Courts

In the case of appellate and other panel courts, the following scheme would apply;

- a) All Justices participating on the panel get the weight of the case as per the case category;
- b) The Justice who writes the lead judgment gets an extra 50% of the case weight as per the category;
- c) The Justice who writes a lengthy concurring judgment gets an extra 50% of the case weight as per the category;
- d) The Justice who writes the dissent judgment (if any) gets an extra 50% of the case weight as per the category;
- e) The case weight score for the single Justice applications are allocated to the Justice concerned in handling the case matter.

2.0 CASE COMPLEXITY - PROPOSED

The Consultant identified the following as Case Complexity Factors:

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- (i) Number of witnesses;
- (ii) Number of parties involved;
- (iii) Number of exhibits;
- (iv) Number of languages used;
- (v) Value of the subject matter; and
- (vi) Number of lawyers involved.

Table 3: Case Complexity Adjustments

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