



# News Release

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## New Judiciary deployments, transfers to improve access to justice

The Judiciary has in the recent past received a significant addition to its human resource following the appointment of new judicial officers at different levels of the judicial structure.

The new appointees have all been deployed at various courts across the country. The deployments have had a direct impact on the existing judicial officers as a number of them have been transferred across the country.

This has had a major impact on case disposal as there has been tremendous improvement in the performance of the courts in terms of determination of cases, specifically at the Magistracy level.

Highlighting the impact of the most recent appointments and re-deployments, the Hon. the Chief Justice, Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny – Dollo, observed that the recent appointments have enhanced access to justice by the people.

Noting that ever since the Judiciary unveiled its Transformation Agenda and developed the Judiciary Strategic Plan V to facilitate the realization of the said agenda, the new deployments will go a long way in attaining the Institution's core mission of efficiently and effectively administering justice.

The new officers all appointed in Acting capacity include 14 Deputy Registrars, 8 Assistant Registrars and 20 Chief Magistrates. These appointments bring the number of Deputy Registrars to 43, Assistant Registrars to 19 and Chief Magistrates to 91.

Reflecting on the acute staffing gaps that existed in the Judiciary at the beginning of his term of office, and the significant increase in numbers at the lower bench so far the Hon. Chief Justice stated; "in 2020 when I assumed the office of Chief Justice, we only had 42 Chief Magistrates. Of the 42, 27 of them were caretaking between 2 to 5 Magisterial areas. For example, the Chief Magistrate of Fort Portal then was caretaking Kasese, Bundibugyo, Ntoroko, Kyenjojo and Kamwenge. The one of Soroti was caretaking Kumi, Kaberamaido and Katakwi. Those Chief Magistrates spent more time on the road moving from station to station and could not work effectively.

Today, all these Courts have resident Chief Magistrates. Indeed, with the recent appointments we have now deployed Chief Magistrates in Kalangala, Budaka, Bugiri, Butambala, Sembabule, Mitooma, Yumbe and Bundibugyo. As I have always said we shall continue with our transformation journey until justice is accessed at walking distance like drinking water and backlog redefined from 2 years to 1year."

The Chief Registrar, HW Sarah Langa Siu observed that in addition to expanding the coverage of the Judiciary and taking judicial services closer to the people, the deployments and transfers were also informed by caseload and enhanced efforts to eliminate case backlog.

To this end Courts with high caseload like Nakawa, Mbarara and Mengo Chief Magistrates Court with a caseload of 3,766; 3,323 and 2,297 cases respectively received additional Chief Magistrates. She further added that the High Court Division Registries like Commercial, Land and Family with high caseload of 1,689; 2,874 and 2,354 cases were beefed up with additional Deputy and Assistant Registrars to expedite the hearing of interlocutory matters.

“I am equally happy to report that all the 20 High Court Circuits now have Deputy Registrars or Assistant Registrars. This will now allow the Chief Magistrates who have been caretaking these Circuits to focus on their dockets;” noted the HW Langa.

With this human resource boost we expect to see a substantial rise in case disposal. At the end of last Financial Year (FY2022/23) the Judiciary disposed off 252,021 cases. As at April 19, there were 165,124 pending cases in all courts and of these, 46,151 were backlog. This accounts for 28% of the caseload in the courts.

Among the other priorities of the Judiciary is strengthening the Inspectorate of Courts. Two additional Deputy Registrars have been deployed in the Registry bringing the number to five. The Chief Inspector of Courts is Hon. Justice Stephen Musota. In the Registry are the Registrar, HW Kwizera Amos and five Deputies – HW Gabriel Angualia, HW Helen Ajio, HW Dorothy Ssempala Lwanga, HW Samuel Twakyire and HW Agnes Alum.

The Chief Registrar observed that in terms of implementing the expanded structure of the Judiciary, there is good progress. “Forty three of the 80 Deputy Registrar positions have been filled representing 53.7%. For Assistant Registrar positions, 19 out of the 40 positions have been filled, representing 47.5% of the approved structure. Currently, we have 91 Chief Magistrates out of the approved 160 which represents 57% of the filled positions,” she said.

HW Langa extended her appreciation to the Judicial Service Commission for the timely appointments.

The deployments take immediate effect while the transfers are effective 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2023.

Below is the complete deployment and transfer list.

## **TRANSFERS AND DEPLOYMENT OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS – JUNE, 2023**

### **A. DEPLOYMENTS**

#### **ACTING DEPUTY REGISTRARS**

NO	NAME	CURRENT STATION	NEW STATION
1.	HW Alum Agnes	Civil	Inspectorate
2.	HW Matenga Francis Dawa	Fort Portal	Fort Portal
3.	HW Amoko Patricia	Private Legal Secretary to the Chief Registrar	Private Legal Secretary to the Chief Registrar
4.	HW Muhumuza Didas	Criminal Division	Criminal Division
5.	HW Chemeri Jessica	Soroti	Magistrates Affairs and Data Management
6.	HW Mugala Jane	Lugazi	Luwero
7.	HW Tusiime Sarah Bashaija B.	Buganda Road	Family Division
8.	HW Sayekwo Emmy Geoffrey	Moroto	Moroto
9.	HW Mukanza Robert	Nebbi	Mbale
10.	HW Obong George	Arua	Gulu
11.	HW Olumo Samuel	New	Family Division
12.	HW Karungi Loe	New	Arua
13.	HW Mulalira Faisal Umar	New	Judicial Training Institute
14.	HW Kayondo Kabasinguzi Josephine	New	Land Division

#### ACTING ASSISTANT REGISTRARS

NO	NAME	CURRENT STATION	NEW STATION
1.	HW Okumu Jude Muwone	Jinja Chief Magistrates Court	Land Division
2.	HW Nantamu Oliver	New	Rukungiri
3.	HW HW Kyampaire Dorothy	New	Commercial Division
4.	HW Ijang Maureen Eunice	New	Family Division
5.	HW Bamwite Emmanuel	New	Hoima
6.	HW Edimu Hellen	New	Tororo
7.	HW Namutebi Christa	New	Jinja
8.	HW Mubiru Nassif Umar	New	Mukono

#### ACTING CHIEF MAGISTRATES

NO	NAME	CURRENT STATION	NEW STATION
1.	HW Nantege Christine	Nakaseke	3 <sup>rd</sup> CM Nakawa
2.	HW Matovu Hood	Mityana	Bundibugyo/Ntoroko
3.	HW Nantaawo Agnes Shelagh	Adjumani	2 <sup>nd</sup> CM Mbarara
4.	HW Acaa Ketty Joan	Nakaseke	2 <sup>nd</sup> CM Mpigi
5.	HW Kambedha Lydia	Bugembe	Kaberamaido

6.	HW Matyama Paul	Mukono	Arua
7.	HW Sikhoya Naume	Entebbe	2 <sup>nd</sup> CM Mengo
8.	HW Namayanja Nazifah	Kamuli	Kibaale
9.	HW Vueni Raphael	Kisoro	Rakai
10.	HW Naigaga Winfred Kyobiika	JTI	Ibanda
11.	HW Kagoya Jackline	JTI	Budaka
12.	HW Ninsiima Marion	LDC	Sembabule
13.	HW Nyadoi Esther	Kira	Bugiri
14.	HW Achok Abrahams Moding	Bugiri	Moroto
15.	HW Mushebebe Moses Nabende	ACD	Fort Portal
16.	HW Alleluya Glory	New	Kalangala
17.	HW Akullu Eunice	New	Kotido
18.	HW Kunihiro George	New	3 <sup>rd</sup> CM Mengo
19.	HW Omara Innocent David	New	Moyo
20.	HW Ssenoga Mawano Cyrus	New	Nebbi

## B. TRANSFERS

### DEPUTY REGISTRARS

NO	NAME	CURRENT STATION	NEW STATION
1.	HW Ntalo Nasulu Hussein	Gulu	Soroti
2.	HW Agwero Catherine	Arua	Commercial Court
3.	HW Twakyire Samuel	Kabale	Inspectorate
4.	HW Anyala Susanne Okeny	Family	Court of Appeal
5.	HW Twinomuhwezi Henry	Mediation	Kabale
6.	HW Sayuni David	Masindi	Iganga

### ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

NO	NAME	CURRENT STATION	NEW STATION
1.	HW Kintu Simon Zirintusa	Land Division	Civil Division

### ACTING ASSISTANT REGISTRARS

NO	NAME	CURRENT STATION	NEW STATION
1.	HW Nakitende Juliet	Judicial Training Institute	Masindi

2.	HW Nakadama Esther Lydia Mubiru	Luwero	Civil Division
3.	HW Kagoda Samuel Ntende	Mbale	Land Division

#### CHIEF MAGISTRATES

NO	NAME	CURRENT STATION	NEW STATION
1.	HW Ssejemba Deogratius	Kibaale	Butambala
2.	HW Awacnedi Freddie	Kotido	Yumbe/Koboko
3.	HW Nvanungi Sylvia	Masaka	Mitooma
4.	HW Kayizzi Ronald	Moyo	Buganda Road

#### ACTING CHIEF MAGISTRATES

NO	NAME	CURRENT STATION	NEW STATION
1	HW Natwijuka Aloysius Baryeza	Ibanda	Masaka
2	HW Nsenge Roseline	Kira	2 <sup>nd</sup> CM Mbale
3.	HW Alule Augustine Koma	Rakai	Lugazi
4.	HW Angura Fionah Sheila	Fort Portal	Jinja
5.	HW Niwaha Shallon	2 <sup>nd</sup> CM Mengo	Kira

#### MAGISTRATES GRADE ONE

NO	NAME	CURRENT STATION	NEW STATION
1.	HW Abilu Isaac Boniface	Court of Appeal	Ngora
2.	HW Wagana Margaret Ihore	Lugazi	Court of Appeal (Chambers of HJ Geoffrey Kiryabwire)
3.	HW Kamuganga Jude	Arua City	Nakaseke
4.	HW Okot Michael	Mbarara	Adjumani

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