

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE



ANNUAL REPORT 2018



OUR MISSION

To uphold the rule of law and provide access to and timely delivery of justice in a fair, transparent and efficient manner.

OUR VISION

Encouraging and maintaining public trust and confidence through an independent, effective and accountable judicial system.

CORE VALUES

- ACCESSABILITY
- FAIRNESS
- EQUALITY
- INTEGRITY
- TIMELINESS
- IMPARTIALITY
- RESPONSIVENESS

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**Madam Justice Yonette Cummings-Edwards
Chancellor of the Judiciary (ag)**



**Madam Justice Roxane George
Chief Justice(ag)**

HIGH COURTS OF GUYANA



Victoria High Court, Georgetown



Essequibo High Court, Suddie, Essequibo



Berbice High Court, New Amsterdam, Berbice

THE COURT OF APPEAL OF GUYANA



Court of Appeal, Georgetown

THE PUISNE JUDGES OF GUYANA



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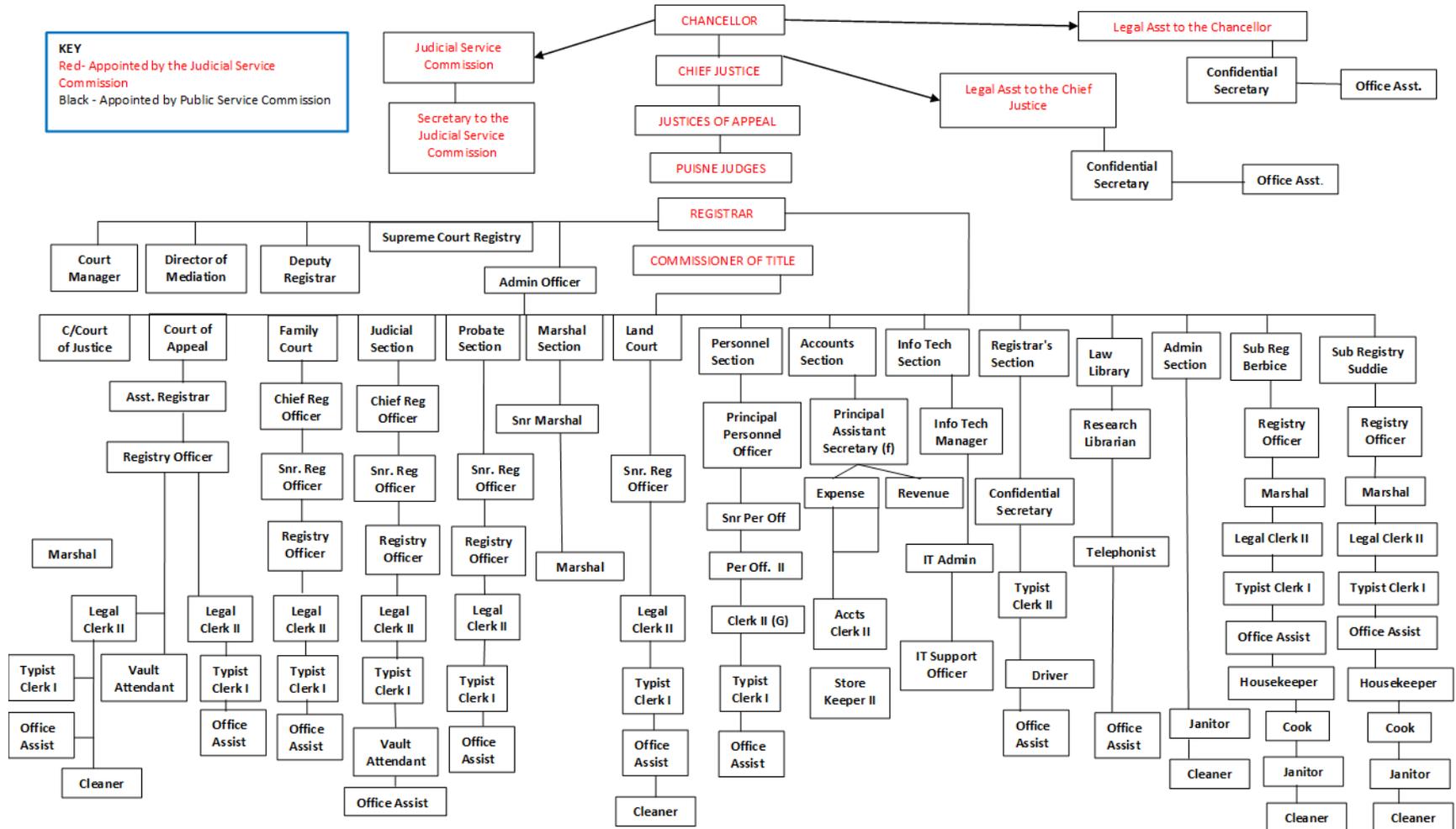
**Registrar of the Supreme Court,
Mrs. Sueanna Lovell**



**Deputy Registrar,
Ms. Alicia Lowenfield**



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REGISTRAR'S **REPORT**

Introduction

In the year under review the Supreme Court, under the leadership of the Hon. Madam Justice Yonette Cummings-Edwards, rose to and overcame every challenge with which it was faced. We expanded our service in many respects to our customers and invested in the development of our human resources.

TRAINING

Once again, the Supreme Court administration tried to ensure that we invested heavily in the heart of our operations, that is, its people. Several training opportunities were taken

advantage of with the effect that our judicial officers and support staff are better equipped to deliver the quality and standard of service that a modern judiciary expects.

Non Judicial Staff Training

In January, 2018 members of staff from the judicial registry, magistrate's court and other departments benefitted from a Staff Development Training programme conducted by Zoywin's Consultancy. This programme was conducted between 12th and 13th January, 2018 and focused on such topics as etiquette, interpersonal relationships and conflict resolution in the workplace.

In February, the Registrar, Chief Accountant and Procurement officer attended a project Proposal

Development Training workshop conducted by JTW Management Institute.

On 24th April, four of our secretarial staff benefitted from an Administrative Assistants' workshop conducted by JTW Management Institute at the Regency Hotel.

In October, 2018, several members of the secretarial staff attached to the Registrar's Office, Court of Appeal and Judicial registry were afforded the opportunity to pursue at the expense of the court, a diploma in Computer typing and Secretarial Studies, business and Computer Studies at Computer World Ltd.

In November, under the auspices of the JURST Project, the Supreme Court staff members were trained in

the use, care and operation of court recording systems that were being installed in courtrooms at the High court in Georgetown as part of a pilot project.

Judicial Officers' Training

In February, one judge and one magistrate attended part 2 of a Train the Trainer Gender Sensitization workshop for judicial officers in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

In May, several judicial officers were in attendance at the International Association of Women Judges 14th Biennial Conference in Argentina.

From June 1 - 25 two judges attended a Study Tour in Ottawa and Halifax, Canada hosted by the Canadian Judicial Education Institute.

Other overseas training opportunities were afforded judicial officers throughout the year as well as ones organised and conducted by the Judicial Education Institute, Guyana, including:

- A Restorative Justice Seminar – 17th -18th December
- The Annual Judges' Conference
- The Annual Magistrates' Conference
- Workshop for judges on the New CPR facilitated by Justice Charmaine Pemberton of Trinidad and Tobago.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Opening of the Rupununi Magisterial District (February 2, 2018)

On February 2, 2018, the Rupununi Magisterial District was officially

opened. Residents of the Rupununi region are now able to enjoy improved access to justice with the opening of the Rupununi Magisterial District Court Office and Courts at Annai, Aishalton and Karasabai.

As communicated at the opening the presiding Magistrate at the time would be resident Magistrate, His Worship Mr. Allan Wilson.

The president of the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana, Mr. David Granger, OR, attended the opening ceremony and made feature remarks. Former Chancellor, Mr. Carl Singh, who was recognised for the role he played in ensuring the construction of the Court Building at Lethem, also attended. UN Resident Coordinator, Ms. Mikiko Tanaka was among the special invitees.

The Turning of the Sod for the Diamond-Grove Magistrates Court (March 12, 2018)

On March 12, 2018, the sod was turned for the construction of the Diamond/Grove Magistrates' Court. The Construction of the new Court will serve as the catchment area of East Bank Demerara.

The area which records thousands of cases and spans from Agricola to Timehri was served by the Providence Magistrate's Court, which was presided over by a lone Magistrate.

The sod was turned by the Prime Minister (ag), Khemraj Ramjattan and Justice Cummings-Edwards.

A contract was signed with PD Contracting Incorporated on November 1, 2017, with an official commencement date of November 17, 2017. However, inclement weather and the layout of the land resulted in

setbacks. The building when completed will boast two courtrooms, a library, two magistrates' chambers, two clerk's offices, a registry, a holding cell, briefing room, janitor's room, bailiff bond and will be outfitted with an elevator.

Opening of the Children's Court (October 31, 2018)

On October 31, 2018, Guyana's first Children's Court was officially opened at the Georgetown Magistrates' Court following the passage of the Juvenile Justice Act in March 2018.

The court was established with a view to minimizing harsh punishment being meted out to young offenders while maximizing their education, rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

During the opening, UNICEF representative, Fouet, pledged the

agency's continued support in the development of the Children's Court. She stated that the opening of the court is very timely and a sustainable investment to the community.

Magistrates Dylon Bess and Annette Singh were selected to preside over cases at the Children's Court. Both magistrates, in their appreciation addresses, expressed gratitude for being chosen and being afforded various training opportunities, as well as noted their determination to execute justice at the hearings.

The Turning of the Sod for the Bartica Magistrates Court (November 9, 2018)

As the expansion programme for the township of Bartica continues, on November 9, 2018, the sod was turned for the construction of its magistrate court complex.

A short ceremony was attended by an impressive team of officials, which included members of the Judiciary, Guyana Land & Surveys Commission, regional and local officials and the consultants and contractors of the project.

It was communicated at the exercise that the new edifice would serve to remove barriers and hindrances to the delivery of justice and service to the people.

It was outlined that following the identification of the plot of land, a Certificate of Title was acquired and plans were put in place for construction. The contract was awarded to M&P Investments to the tune of \$173M.

The complex is expected to house a magistrate court, magistrate chambers, lawyers' rooms, court registry, offices and living quarters.

Acting Chancellor of the Judiciary
Mdm. Justice Cummings-Edwards,
acting Chief Justice of the Judiciary
Mdm. Justice George and Chief
Magistrate of Guyana Her Worship
Mc Lennan, turning the sod for the
Bartica Magistrate Court

The Turning of the Sod for the Mahdia Magistrates Court (December 3, 2018)

Chancellor of the Judiciary (ag)
Madam Justice Yonette Cummings-
Edwards on December 3, reaffirmed
one of the mandates of the Judicial
system, which is to provide access to
justice and legal facilities to residents
Mahdia, Region 8, Pataro/Siparuni.
This reaffirmation was done during a
simple turning of the sod and tree
planting exercise on a site earmarked
for a new Mahdia Magistrates' Court

which will be constructed to the tune
of \$155,888,243 Million.

The new Mahdia Magistrates' Court
which will be constructed by M and P
Investments and overseen by E and A
Consulting will be equipped with
modern courthouse facilities-
elevators, wheelchair ramps for the
elderly and disabled; live-in quarters
for Magistrates, Court Staff and
lawyers; public waiting areas, a
temporary holding cell for prisoners,
a police outpost, parking
accommodations, a Bailiff bond, court
offices and registry for filing matters,
payments of bail, spousal and child
support maintenance, domestic
violence applications and other legal
applications.

At the end of the short programme,
the sod was turned at the earmarked
land and a tree was planted at the
location in honour of the occasion.

Those also in attendance at the event were Chief Magistrate Her Worship Ann McLennan who served as Chairperson of the programme, Deputy Regional Executive Officer, Region 8 Mr Gavin Gunga, Regional Chairman Region 8 Mr Bonaventure Fredericks, Principal Clerk of Court Ms Sharon Correia who gave the vote of thanks, Court Manager of the Supreme Mr Trevor Baird, Clerk of Court for the Essequibo District Mr Rajesh Gopaul, Chief Accountant to the Supreme Mr.Asaf Ali, members of the various religious bodies, Representatives of E and A consulting Agency, local town councillors, members of the Mahdia Police Force, residents of Mahdia and teacher and students of the Mahdia Secondary School.

The installation of audio recording equipment

The Supreme Court, through its development partner, JURIST, was provided with audio recording equipment for some of the High Court, courtrooms.

The equipment was the realization of a goal of ours that has been long in the making. This equipment will allow judges , magistrates and other judicial officers to listen to the court proceedings rather than to have to split their attention between writing verbatim evidence. The project will commence in the Georgetown High Court but it is intended to be extended across all courts in the country eventually.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Inaugural Inter Departmental Dominoes competition (November – December)

The various departments of the Supreme Court organized and participated in a dominoes competition which was conducted over several weeks and culminated in a grand final held in the compound of the Georgetown High Court. After several rounds of competition, the Administrative Department, including the Registrar's Secretariat emerged victorious.

Inaugural Inter Departmental Diwali Rangoli Competition

On November 5th, 2018 the Supreme Court held its first Rangoli Competition for Diwali celebrations. The Court Reporting Unit was adjudged the best.

**Inaugural Christmas Concert
and Night of Caroling
(December 7, 2018)**

The Supreme Court of Judicature, on December 7, 2018, held its first Night of Caroling and Christmas Tree light up on the lawns of the Victoria High Court. Staff from the Court also sang songs, read scriptures, recited poetry during the event. In the end, there was a countdown and the Christmas tree was lit.

Conclusion

I wish to express profound gratitude to all of the judicial officers, staff and friends of the Supreme Court for a year of hard work and incredible rewards for that hard work.

Sueanna Lovell
Registrar

OVERVIEW

The Judiciary of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana is, as in any modern democracy, the third arm of a tri-partite state and functions independently of the other arms, that is to say, the Executive and Legislative arms. The concept that there are three distinct functions of government: legislative, executive and judicial, discharged by three separate agencies – the Legislative in the form of Parliament, the Executive in the form of the ministers and the government departments and agencies for which they are responsible and the Judiciary in the form of the judges and courts - is the cornerstone of our Constitution. In accordance with this principle of the separation of powers our Constitution provides expressly at Article 122 A (1) that:

“All courts and all persons presiding over the courts shall exercise their function independently of the control and direction of any other person or authority; and shall be free and independent from political, executive and any other form of direction and control.”

In this regard therefore, Article 123 of the Constitution further provides for the establishment of a Supreme Court of Judicature consisting of the Court of Appeal and the High Court. Guyana, in April 2005, adopted the Caribbean Court of Justice as its final appellate court.

Guyana’s judicial system can best be described as a four-tiered system made up as follows:

(a) The Court of Summary Jurisdiction or Magistrates’ Court.

The summary jurisdiction of judicial system is governed by the Summary Jurisdiction (Magistrates) Act, Cap 3:05 which establishes the Magistrates’ Court and sets out its practice and procedure, provides for the appointment of magistrates and the regulation of their duties.

In their civil and jurisdiction, magistrates adjudicate in petty debt claims for the recovery of any debts or damages where the amount claimed is not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) as well as claims for rent.

In their criminal jurisdiction, magistrates hear and determine

complaints in respect of summary and indictable offences. Indictable cases can be tried summarily where the provision of the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act Chap.12:02 as amended by the Administration of Justice Act. 1978. (A.J.A) are applied or by embarking on a Preliminary Inquiry. The magistrates also function as Coroners in the conduct of inquests.

(b) The High Court

The High Court is governed by the High Court Act, Cap 3:02 and the Rules made thereunder and sits in Demerara, Berbice and Essequibo. There are two sub-registries outside of Demerara located at Essequibo and Berbice respectively. The High Court has several divisions

including the Constitutional Court, the Commercial Court, and the Land Court. The Family Court Division was opened in June 2016.

There is also the Full Court of the High Court which is an appellate court that hears appeals from interlocutory or summary decisions of High Court judges as well as appeals from the magistrates' courts. The Full Court is established by sections 75 to 84 of the High Court Act.

(c) The Court of Appeal

The Court of Appeal is governed by the Court of Appeal Act, Cap 3:01 and is a court of review.

(d) The Caribbean Court of Justice

The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) is governed by the

Caribbean Court of Justice Act 2004, and replaces the Guyana Court of Appeal as the final appellate court for Guyana.

The Courts resolve disputes by independently and impartially applying the law to the facts of each case presented. Every party has the absolute right to an arbiter who is neutral and independent of the parties in the case and their advocates. These arbiters are the Justices of Appeal, the Puisne Judges, the Commissioners of Title, the Magistrates.

It is the Judiciary's task to ensure that all who utilize and interface with the courts at various levels are treated respectfully, fairly and equally. Each case must receive individual attention, and the law must be applied uniformly. Regardless of economic, social or other status, each

party in a dispute must receive equal access leading to consistency and predictability.

The High Court, Demerara

The High Court of the Supreme Court is presided over by the Chief Justice and such number of Puisne Judges as may be prescribed by Parliament. This is provided for in Article 125 of the Constitution. Parliament has prescribed that number of Puisne Judges to be twenty (20). Currently, however, the High Court is functioning with twelve (12) Puisne Judges.

The High Court exercises original jurisdiction over indictable criminal matters, civil matters, commercial matters, Constitutional matters,

administrative matters and family matters which previously were categorized as civil.

The Land Court, presided over by Commissioners of Title, exercises jurisdiction over land titling cases.

The Land Court deals with the following: -

- (1) Petitions for declaration of title under the Title to Land (Prescription and Limitation) Act Chapter 60:02 that have been assigned by the Chief Justice to the Commissioner of Title for hearing and determination.
- (2) Applications for registration of title brought under Section

35 of the Deeds Registry Act Chapter 5:01 that have been assigned as at (1) above.

- (3) Applications for registration of title brought under the Land Registry Act Chapter 5:02. these include:
 - (a) Applications under First Registration vide Sections 18-31.
 - (b) Applications under Section 79 of the Act; and
 - (c) Applications under Section 107 of the Act.

CRIMINAL JURISDICTION

The High Court exercises criminal jurisdiction in matters that are brought before it by way of indictment filed by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). These matters are heard by a single judge sitting with a jury of twelve (12). The Criminal jurisdiction functions in three (3) month periods called assizes or criminal sessions which are presided over by assigned judges for the particular session.

This Court hears and determines the most serious criminal cases. Section 27 of the High Court Act Cap 3:02 mandates that the Court hold sittings in the exercise of its criminal



jurisdiction every year in each of the counties and expressly states the days

for the commencement of such sittings. In furtherance of this mandate, there is a ceremonial opening of the criminal sessions four times in each year in Demerara during which there is a parade and Guard of Honour.

A judge takes the salute and inspects a Guard of Honour.

Similar ceremonial openings of the sessions are held in Berbice and Essequibo.

CIVIL JURISDICTION

The High Court in its civil jurisdiction, deals with claims made pursuant to the court's inherent jurisdiction and such other jurisdiction as is vested in the court by statute. Such matters are dealt with by trial by a single judge, without a jury, or by way of chamber hearings.

In its civil jurisdiction, the High Court is separated by function into several divisions. These are as follows:

The Constitutional Court

The Constitutional Court of the High Court, as the name suggests, hears matters filed seeking Constitutional relief and is presided over by the Chief Justice.

The Family Court

The Family Court division of the High Court has separated from the High Court's traditional civil jurisdiction, matters pertaining to family-related issues such as petitions for divorce, division of property, custody and maintenance and has streamlined them in that special-purpose court with its own peculiar rules and procedure as set out in the **Family Court Rules 2016** with its own fully staffed registry. Two judges preside over the Family Division.

THE COURT OF APPEAL

The Court of Appeal comprises the Chancellor, who is the head of the Judiciary of Guyana and Chairman of the Judicial Service Commission, and four (4) Justices of Appeal at full strength. The Chief Justice is also an ex officio member of this Court. The Chancellor is the President of the

The Commercial Court

The Commercial Court, a specialized court which commenced operations on June 21, 2006, was implemented to shorten lengthy trials. It really is a precursor to the operation of the civil courts of the Supreme Court under the New Civil Procedure Rules. It introduced such concepts as case management and pre-trial reviews. It handles commercial-type civil litigation involving claims for money, the purchase and sale of commodities and contracts relating to the sale and purchase of land and other such matters. The Court is presided over by three judges.

Court of Appeal. Currently, the court is headed by the Acting Chancellor, Justice Yonette Cummings-Edwards who is a substantive Justice of Appeal and two Justices of Appeal, Justices Dawn Gregory and Deo Rishi Persaud.

The Court of Appeal has jurisdiction to hear and determine appeals from the High Court, Land Court and in some instances directly from the Magistrates' Court and for all matters connected therewith.

The Court of Appeal hears and determines appeals in its civil and criminal jurisdiction as well as chamber applications pertinent to these appeals. An appeal also lies to the Court of Appeal in any cause or matter from any order of the Full Court.

THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE



The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) is Guyana's final appellate court. Headquartered in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Guyana joined the CCJ from its inception in 2005. The Supreme Court Registry has been deemed a Sub-registry of the CCJ and the Registrar a Deputy Registrar of the CCJ. Filing of appeals to the CCJ from Guyana are therefore done at the Supreme Court Registry in Guyana.

THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS

There are nine (9) magisterial districts which are administered through seven Head Offices and are listed hereunder starting with the districts in the east of Guyana as follows:

- (i) The Corentyne Magisterial District with head office at Whim.
- (ii) The Berbice Magisterial District with its head office at New Amsterdam.
- (iii) The West Berbice Magisterial District with head office at Fort Wellington.
- (iv) The East Demerara Magisterial District with its head office at Vigilance.
- (v) Georgetown Magisterial District with head office in Georgetown
- (vi) The West Demerara Magisterial District with head office at Vreed-en-Hoop
- (vii) The Essequibo Magisterial District with its head office at Suddie.
- (viii) The Upper Demerara River Magisterial District with its head office at Linden.
- (ix) The Rupununi Magisterial District with its head office at Lethem.

These nine Magisterial Districts are currently served by twenty-one (21) Magistrates. The Magistrates' Courts have both criminal and civil jurisdiction. They exercise jurisdiction in relation to summary criminal matters. These Courts also conduct Preliminary Inquiries into serious criminal matters to determine whether a case has been established against an accused person sufficient to put them on trial in the High Court. They also conduct trials into indictable matters which are by election tried summarily by virtue of the provisions of the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act, Cap 10:02, as amended by the Administration of Justice Act, 1978.

In their civil jurisdiction, Magistrates' Courts hear and determine petty debt claims for recovery of any debt or damages where the amount claimed does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) unless statute dictates otherwise. They also adjudicate claims for rent owed and possession of premises. The Magistrates' Courts also have jurisdiction to hear applications for assessment of rent.

Magistrates also bear the statutory responsibility to sit as Coroners holding Inquests into deaths which occur in circumstances which tend to excite suspicion. They also sit and determine eligibility of applicants to be granted liquor licences as members of the various county Liquor Licensing Boards.

COURT PERFORMANCE

THE COURT OF APPEAL



From L to R: Chancellor (ag) Justice Yonette Cummings-Edwards, Chief Justice (ag) Justice Roxane George, Justice of Appeal Dawn Gregory, Justice of Appeal Deo Rishi Persaud.

**THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS
COMMITTEE**

Complaints received from dissatisfied Litigants against attorneys-at-law are filed at the Court of Appeal for

hearing by the Legal Practitioners' Committee which is divided into two panels.

The Secretary to the Committee is charged with the responsibility of the

administrative tasks of the Committee.

STATUS OF MATTERS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEAL AND LPC

The following table reflects the number of matters disposed of by the Court of Appeal for the period JANUARY – DECEMBER, 2018.

	CRIMINAL	CIVIL	CHAMBERS	L.P.C.
Pending at end of 2017	193	928	14	147
Filed in 2018	72	191	84	43
Disposed in 2018	42	272	86	86
Pending at end of 2019.12.31	237	1362	12	62

The Legal Practitioners' Committee had a total sum of one hundred and forty-seven (147) applications that were filed to the Hon. Chancellor and

Attorney General for disciplinary action. A total sum of forty-three (43) new applications were filed in the year 2018 and total sum of eighty-six (86) applications were disposed of -

with a total sum of sixty-two (62) applications pending.

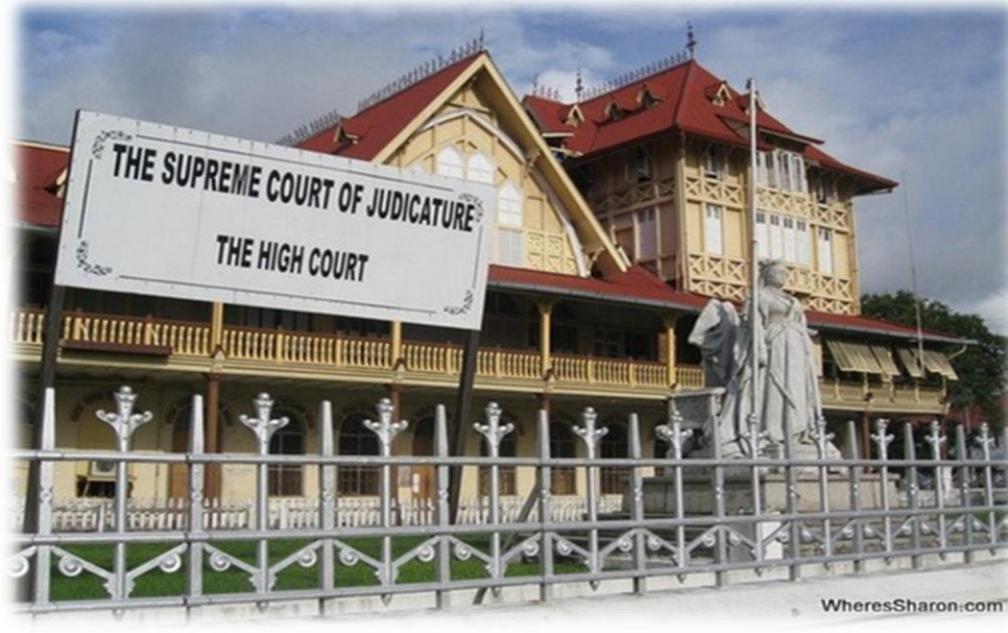
**APPELLATE COURT
PERFORMANCE**

At the end of year 2017 out of the pending 928 civil appeals twenty-four (24) were to be settled; one hundred and forty-eight (148) to be typed; four (4) were to be uplifted by Appellant or

Attorneys-at-law for the appellant to prepare the Record of Appeal; ten (10) awaiting the Records of Appeal

to be filed; fifty-five (55) to be collated and forty-six (46) awaiting fixtures by the Hon. Chancellor.

THE HIGH COURT, GEORGETOWN



THE LAND COURT



Summary of work Accomplished for the year 2018 (Land Court Registry)

Petition-Supreme Court	Demerara	Essequibo	Totals
Matters brought forward 1.1.2018	742	113	855
Matters filed 1.1.2018 - 30.6.2018	137	17	154
Matters filed 1.7.2018 - 31.12.2018	167	19	186
Matters pending 31.12.2018	401	92	492
Matters concluded 2018			703

Land Registry			
Matters brought forward 1.1.2018	154	51	205
Matters filed 1.1.2018 - 30.6.2018	20	10	30
Matters filed 1.7.2018 - 31.12.2018	37	5	42
Matters pending 31.12.2018	74	23	97
Matters concluded 2018			180

31st December, 2018

	N.Pierre	PC.Hanif	Land Court Registry Demerara	Supreme Court Sub-Registry Essequibo	Deeds Registry	Totals
DOT Demerara	69	108	108		4	401
DOT Essequibo	45	40	2	4		91
LR Demerara	16	48	10			74

LR Essequibo	17	4	2			23
						589

THE FAMILY COURT



The Family Court Registry

Table 1 and Chart 1a shows the various category of matters dealt with at the Family Court.

Table 1

Category	Amount	Nisi Orders	Withdrawn /Dismissal	Struck Out	Concluded	Pending
Divorce	1253	912	139	8	456	673
Division of Property	106	0	26	1	97	1
Application Relating to Children	267	0	142	8	103	39
Total	1626	912	307	17	656	713

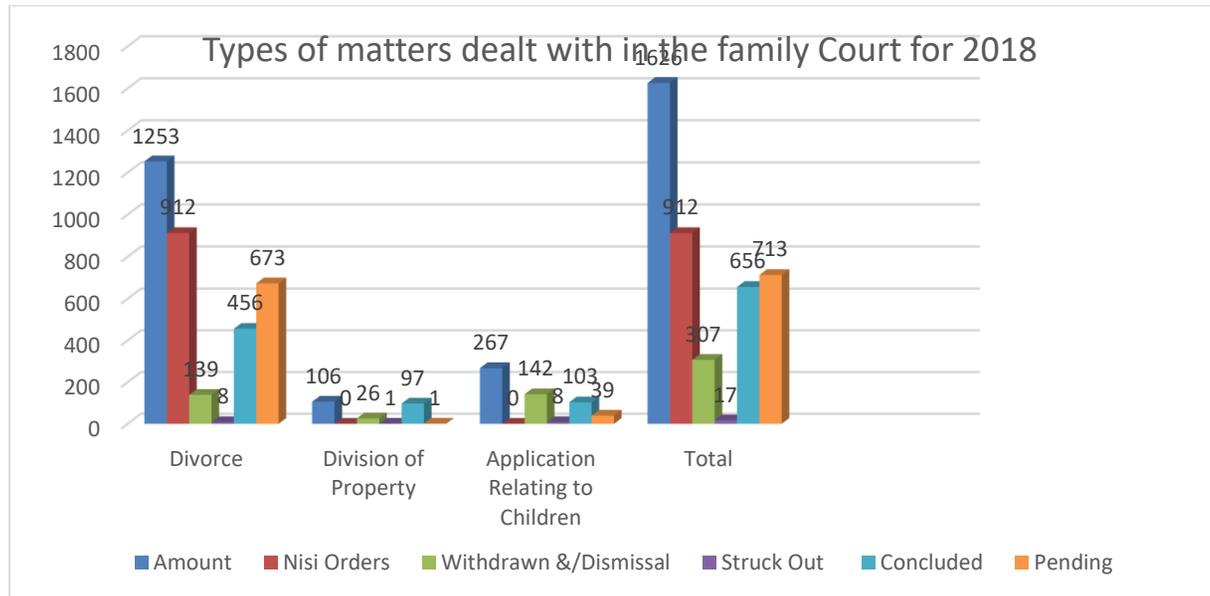


Table 2a & Chart 2b Show the contrast between Custody, Access with Maintenance & Division of Property, Custody, Access with Maintenance and Custody with Access Applications over twelve (12) months - (January- December, 2018) period which highlights a noticeable increase in comparison to the total numbers filed for 2017.

Table 2a:

Intake Matters	2017 Amount	2018 Amount	Variance 2018-2017	Percentage
Custody, Access with Maintenance & Division of Property	1	156	155	15500%
Custody, Access with Maintenance	5	15	10	200%
Custody with Access	29	40	11	38%
Total	35	211	176	503%

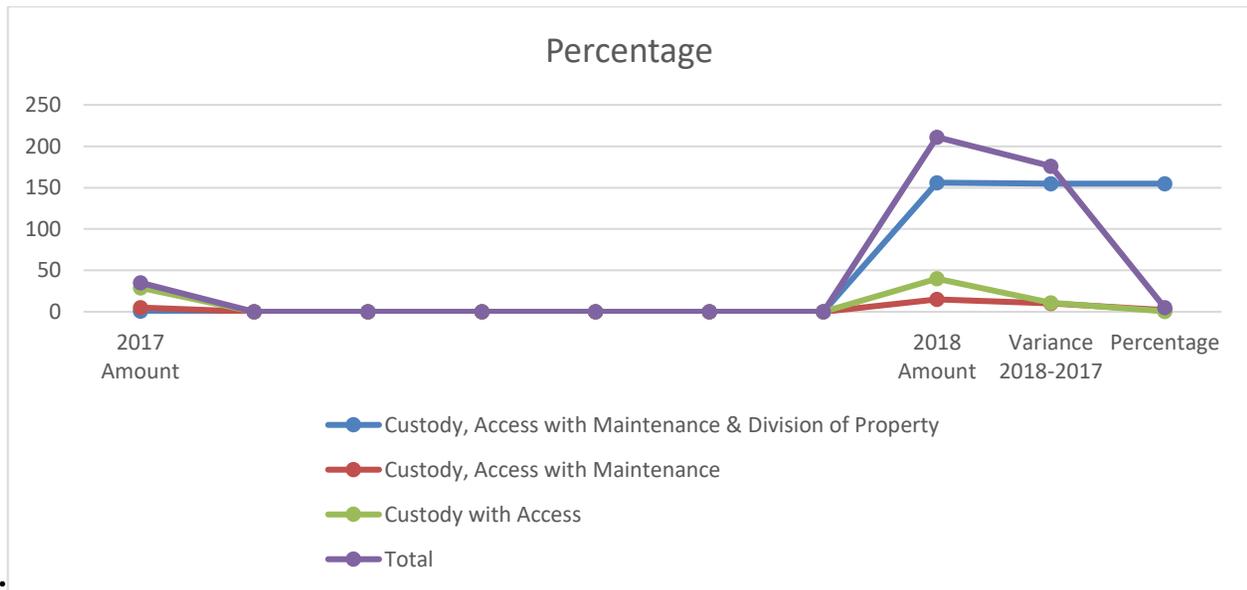


Figure 2b:

Table 3a & Figure 3b Show the comparison between Division of Property, Injunction, Division of Property with Maintenance and Maintenance with Access Applications over a period of twelve (12) months - (January-December, 2018), which shows a moderate increase when compared with the total number of matters in the same category for 2017.

Table 3a:

Intake Matters	2017 Amount	2018 Amount	Variance 2018-2017	Percentage
Division of Property	13	16	3	19%
Injunction	2	4	2	50%
Division of Property with Maintenance	1	24	23	96%
Maintenance with Access	10	12	2	17%
Total	26	56	30	181%

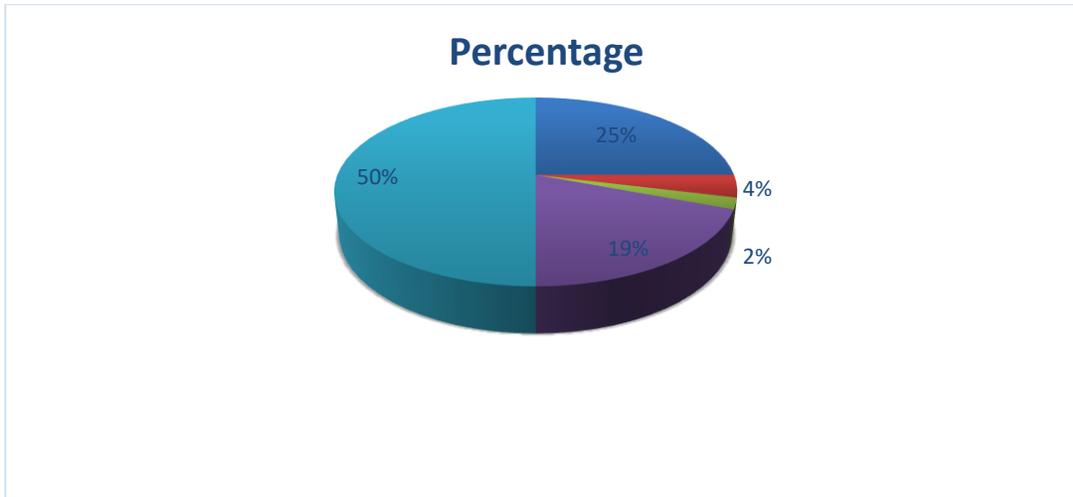


Figure 3b:

Table 4a & Figure 4b Show the comparison between Divorce with Custody, Divorce with Maintenance, Divorce with Access, Divorce with Division of Property, Divorce with Custody & Access, Divorce with Custody & Maintenance, Divorce with Maintenance & Access and Divorce with Custody, Access & Maintenance Applications over a period of twelve (12) months - (January- December, 2018). When compared to the same category of matters filed for the year 2017 the figures are indicative of a significant increase in matters filed.

Table 4a:

Intake Matters	Amount 2017	Amount 2018	Variance 2018-2017	Percentage
Divorce with Custody	36	45	9	20.00%
Divorce with Maintenance	7	15	8	53.33%
Divorce with Access	9	26	17	65.38%
Divorce with Division of Property	11	98	87	88.78%
Divorce with Custody & Access	28	30	2	6.67%

Divorce with Custody & Maintenance	4	10	6	60.00%
Divorce with Maintenance & Access	3	20	17	85.00%
Divorce with Custody, Access & Maintenance	4	10	6	60.00%
Total	102	254	152	439%

Figure 4b:

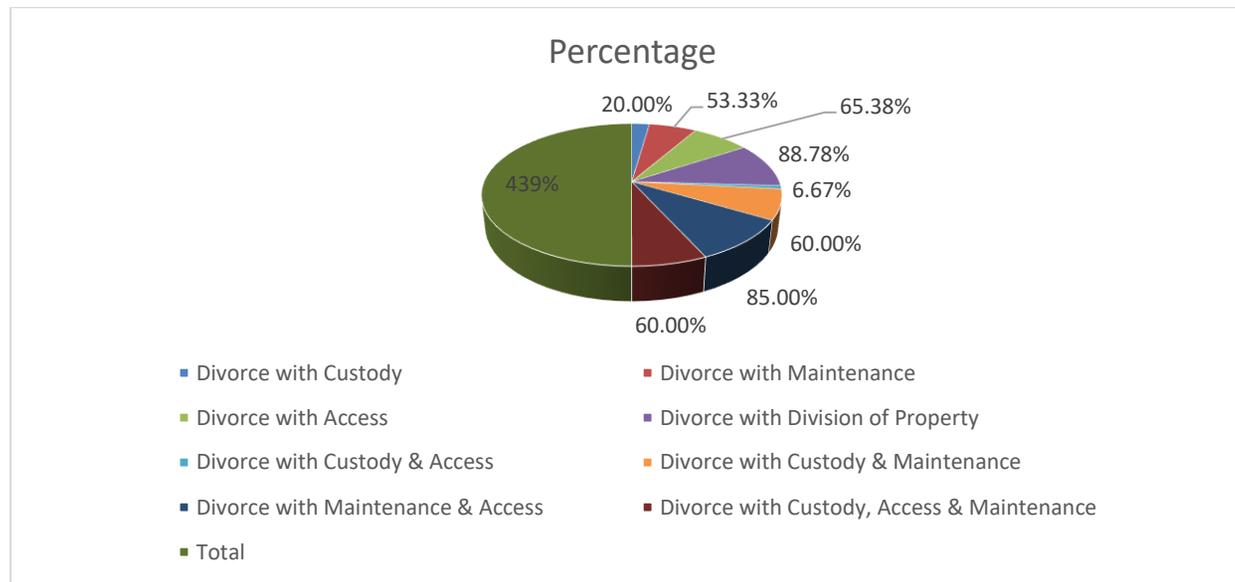


Table 5a & Figure 5b Show the comparison between Divorce, Custody, Maintenance, Access and Guardianship Applications over a period of twelve (12) months (January-December, 2018). When compared with the previous year (2017) a rapid increase can be seen.

Table 5a:

Intake Matters	Amount 2017	Amount 2018	Variance 2018-2017	Percentage
Divorce	606	1129	523	46.32%
Custody	49	98	49	50.00%
Maintenance	5	10	5	50.00%
Access	13	30	17	56.67%
Guardianship	5	6	1	16.67%
Total	678	1273	595	219.66%

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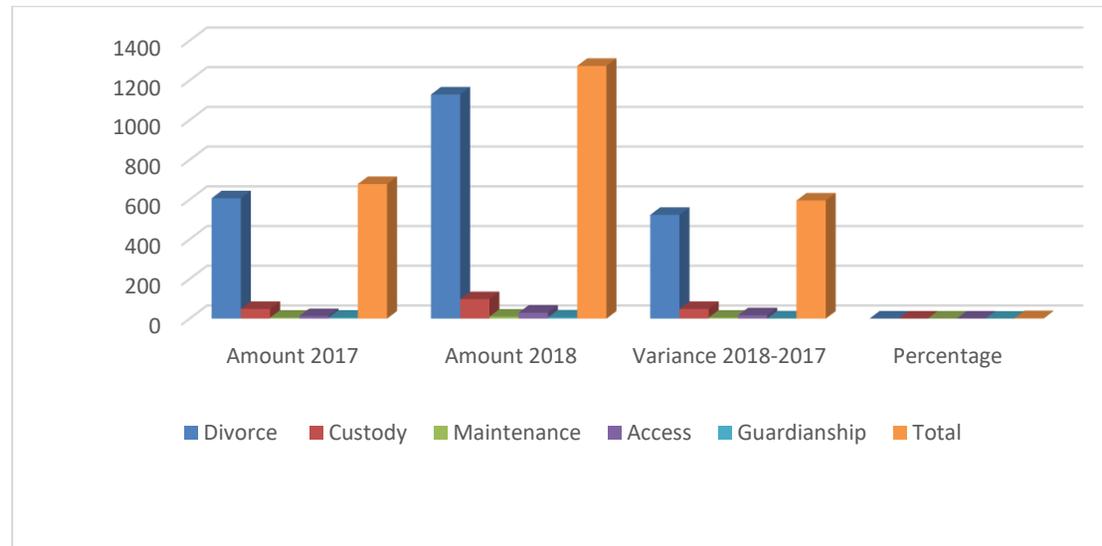
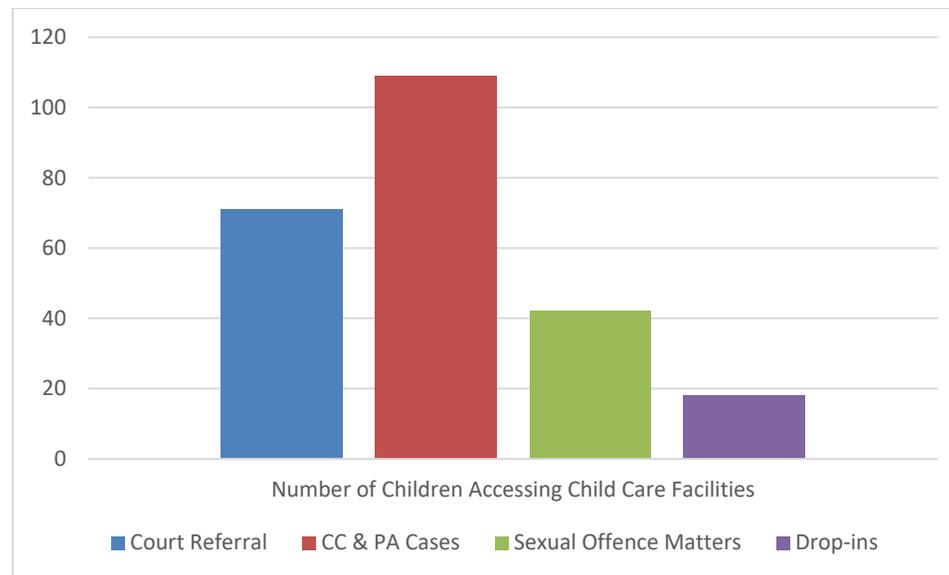


Figure 6a & 6b Show the number of children accessing the Childcare Facilities for a twelve (12) months period - (January-December, 2018).

Figure 6a:

Source of referral	Number of Children Accessing Child Care Facilities
Court Referral	71
CC & PA Cases	109
Sexual Offence Matters	42
Drop-Ins	18
Total	240

Figure 6b:

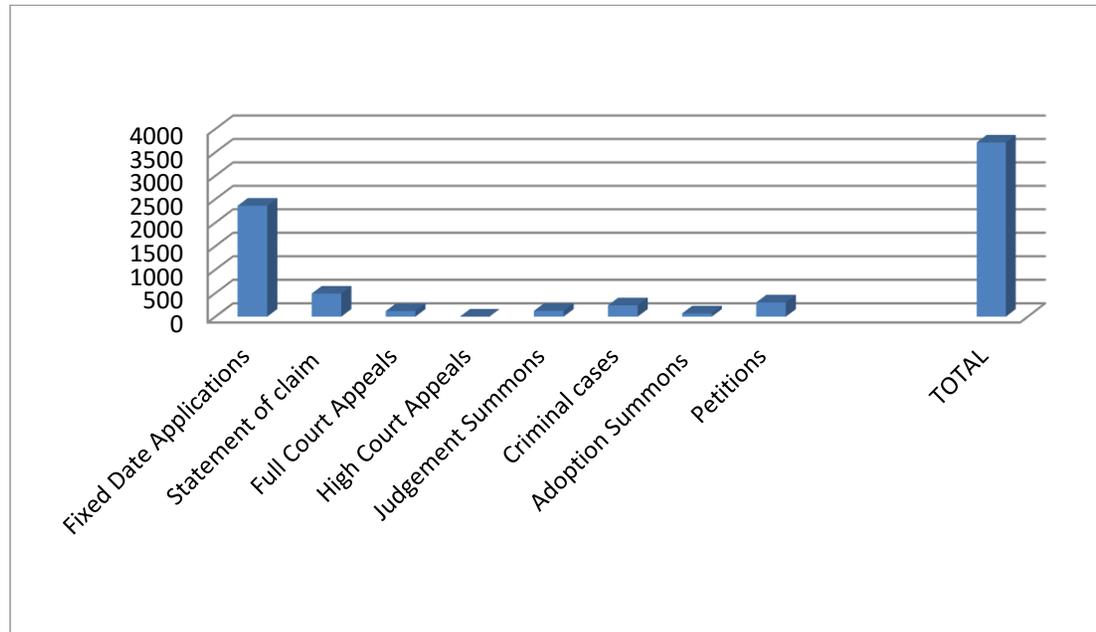


THE JUDICIAL REGISTRY

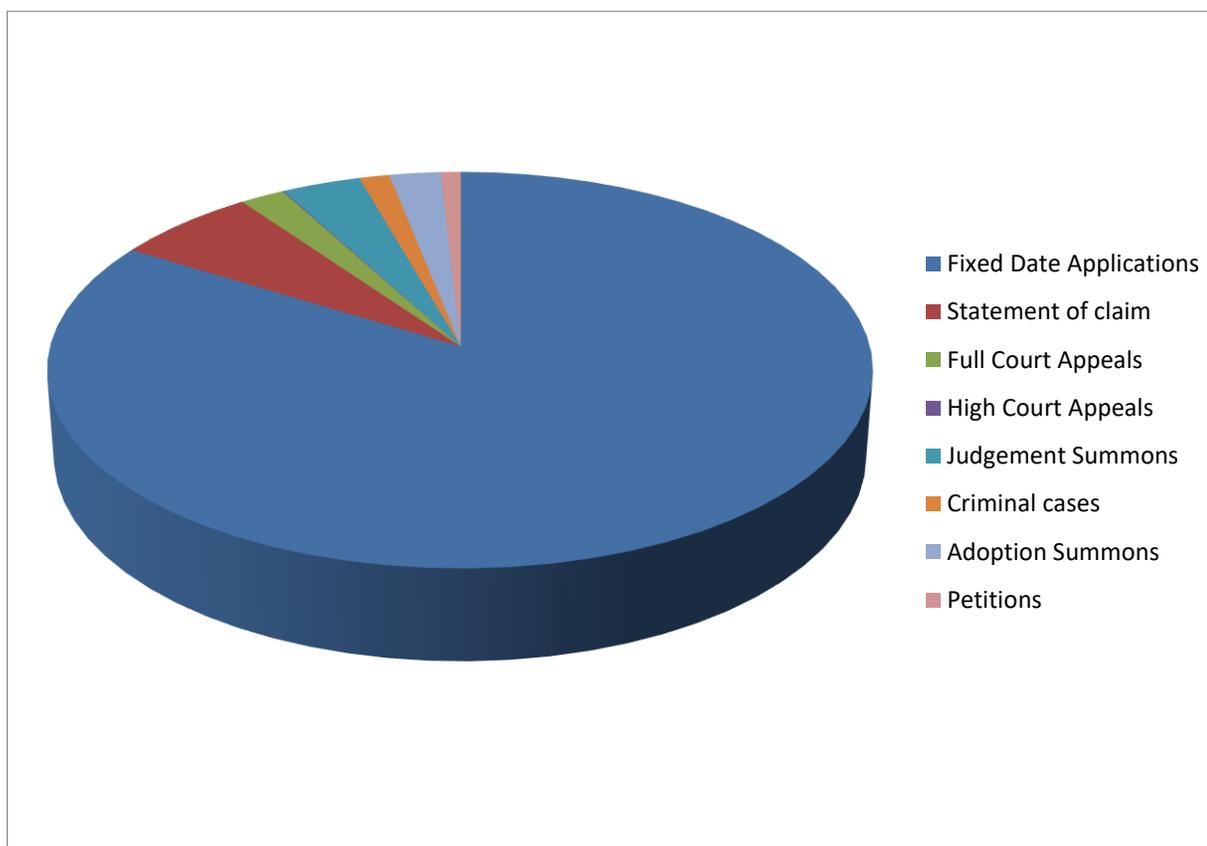
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES FILED FROM JANUARY 2, 2018 TO December 31,2018

Category	Number of cases filed	Number of cases concluded	Number of cases pending
Fixed Date Applications	2362	1452	907
Statement of claim	492	109	383
Full Court Appeals	119	34	85
High Court Appeals	1	1	-
Judgement Summons	124	60	64
Criminal cases	241	23	219
Adoption Summons	69	39	30
Petitions	303	15	278
TOTAL	3711	1733	1996

NUMBER OF CASES FILED FOR THE YEAR, 2018



PIE CHART SHOWING NUMBER OF CASES CONCLUDED FOR THE YEAR 2018



Criminal matters filed for the year 2018 totaled **241**. The total number of cases concluded in the year 2018 that was filed in the said year is 23 the total number of cases pending at the end of December 2018 is **430**

Currently there are no Bail Court and Chambers List in existence.

At present a total of **531** Request for hearing matters are awaiting dates. And **733** 'old rules' matters are presently being heard by various Judges.

THE PROBATE SECTION

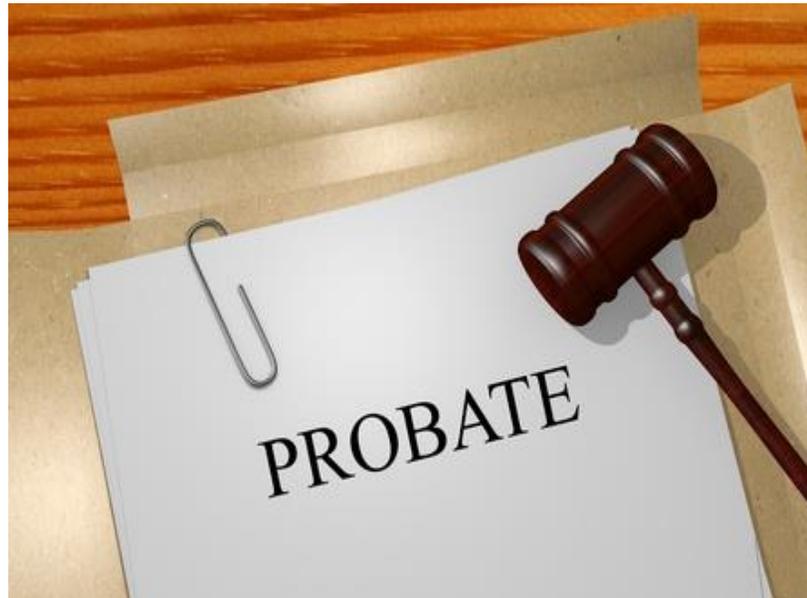


TABLE SHOWS STATUS OF MATTERS FILED IN THE PROBATE SECTION AND WORK DONE DURING 2018

District	Particulars	Application For Probate	Application For Letters of Administration	Re-Sealing of Grant	Estate Withdrawn	Wills Deposited	Caveats Entered	Citations	Affidavits Verifying Accounts
Georgetown	Filed in 2018	322	694	2	-	928	126	15	1
Georgetown	Disposed at 2018-12-31	199	423	2	9	33	104	10	-
		7 (Withdrawn)	2 (Withdrawn)						
Georgetown	Pending At 2018-12-31	40 (Out of order)	101 (Out of Order)	-	-	895	22	5	-
		81 (Processing)	163 (Processing)						

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**Table Shows Status of Matters Pending at
31st December, 2017 and Completed
of 31st December, 2018**

Particulars	Applications For Probate	Applications for Letters of Administration	Re-Sealing Of Grant	Estates Withdrawn	Wills	Caveats	Citations
Pending At 2017-12-31	121	224	1	-	911	22	5
Disposed At 2018-12-31	112	205	-	-	41	22	5

Pending At 2018-12- 31	9	19	-	-	870	-	-
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THE MARSHALS' DEPARTMENT



Marshals' Section

Introduction

The High Court Act Cap. 3:02 Sections 11 and 12 provides for the creation of the position of Marshal as follows:

“11 The Registrar shall be the Chief Executive Officer, and every Marshal shall be an executive officer of the Court.

12 Every Marshal shall be under the control and be responsible to the Registrar, and shall in addition to duties imposed on him by any written law, perform the duties required of him by the Registrar, subject to the direction and approval of the Chief Justice.”

Marshal Service in Court

All Marshals were assigned to work in court as per assignment by the First Marshal for a period of six months at a time in the civil and criminal jurisdictions respectively and by such assignment were required to ensure that order was maintained during the sittings of the court. They sought to ensure that all the witnesses and litigants were properly attired, seated in the correct place and generally ensure that court was ready to commence work when the Judge ascends the Bench.

Counter Service

The Judicial Section was required to record all matters filed for Judges, file orders for marshal service be entered, writs of seizure and sale be issued pursuant to orders for marshals' execution. These matters were sent to marshals' section for the requisite execution or service after the necessary entries were made.

Preparation of Execution Sales

The lists were prepared from the Exploits Register listing matters for publication upon plaintiff's request and Registrar's approval. The oldest matters were given priority.

Preparation of Juror Lists

The preparation of Jurors' lists is an integral part of the criminal jurisdiction of the High Court. The procedure which is laid down in the Criminal Procedure Act, Cap. 10:01 was strictly followed, that is to say, the list of persons qualified to serve as jurors for the counties Essequibo, Demerara and Berbice were prepared in accordance with provisions of Sections 19-23 of the Criminal Law Procedure Act Cap. 10:01.

WORK PERFORMANCE, 2018

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TABLE 6 MARSHALS' SECTION MATTERS- OLD RULES

Districts	Status	Writ of Summons	Specialy Indorsed Writ	Summons & Applications	General Petitions, Notices, Citations	Divorce	Judgement Summons	Witness Citation	Inter-Pleadings	Notice Of Motion	Writ of Possession	Order Of Court	Levy	Total
G/town	Pending	203	992	281	400	779	19	88	-	11	25	262	222	3282
NA Sub-Reg	at 2018	20	10	45	23	230	41	123	1	3	-	2	-	498
Esseq Sub-Reg	-07-01	20	16	5	-	29	4	1	-	-	-	6	2	83
G/town	Filed	12	14	52	272	1	-	62	-	6	17	168	77	681
NA Sub-Reg	in 2018	16	8	4	1	-	-	12	-	2	-	13	6	62
Esseq Sub-Reg	-01 Jul-	-	-	-	39	-	14	7	-	-	-	40	12	112

	31 st Dec													
G/town	Disp	36	14	44	233	-	-	63	-	5	12	103	24	534
NA Sub-Reg	osed in	23	13	21	15	27	14	12	-	3	-	11	6	145
Esseq Sub-Reg	2018-01 ST Jul-31 st Dec	1	-	-	35	-	15	6	-	-	-	40	6	103
G/town	Pending	179	992	289	439	780	19	87	-	12	30	327	275	3429
NA Sub-Reg	at 2019	13	5	28	9	203	27	123	1	2	-	4	-	415
Esseq Sub-Reg	-01-01	19	16	5	4	29	3	2	-	-	-	6	8	92

WORK PERFORMANCE-

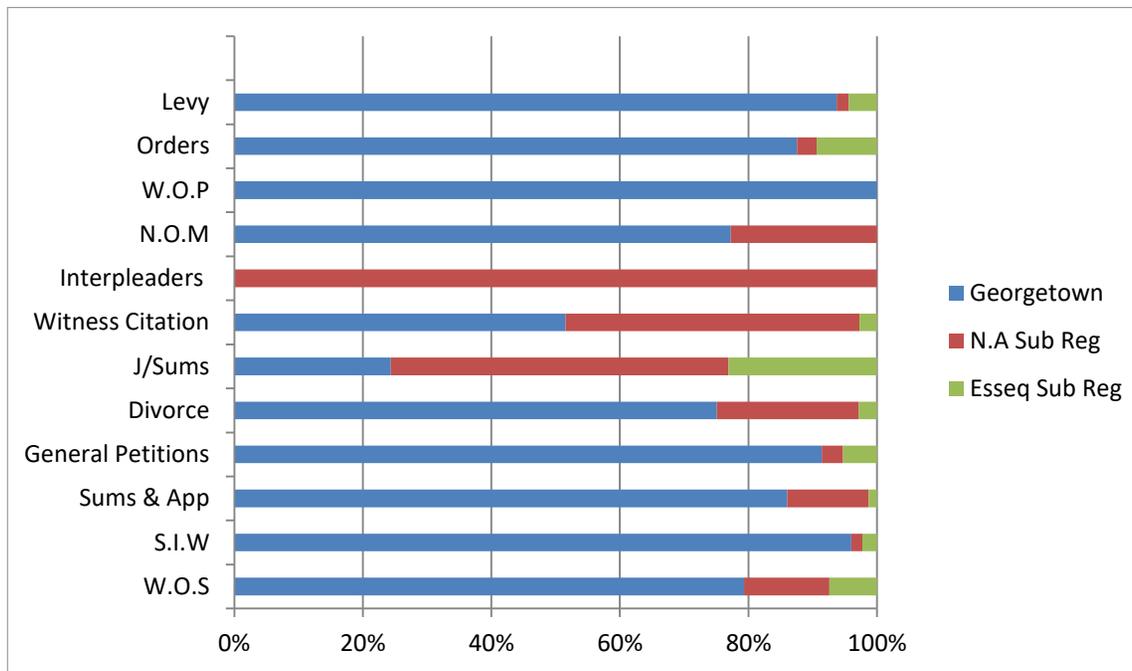
TABLE 8 MARSHAL'S SECTION MATTERS- NEW RULES 2016

Distri cts	Stat us	FD A	SO C	J/S um s	FC A	I nj	Wit ness Sum mons	Noti ce of Appe al	Ad opt ion Su mmo ns	Inte r- plea der	Noti ce of Opp ositi on	Ord er of Cou rt	Notice of Applic ations	Le vy	Writ of Poss essi ons	Notic es, etc.	Tot al
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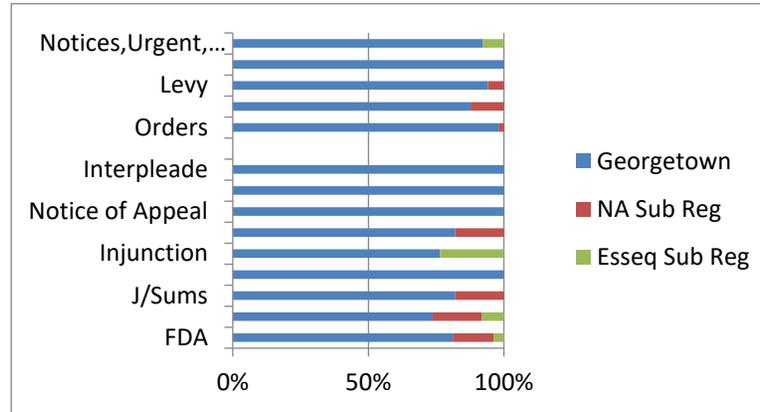
G/tow n	Pend ing	102	56	21	6	8	-	-	5	-	-	255	1	15	-	10	479
NA Sub- Reg	at 2018 -01-	57	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Esseq Sub- Reg	01	1	9	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	14
G/tow n	Filed in	158 8	537	121	-	5	23	18	16	1	-	635	85	50	17	38	3134
NA Sub- Reg	2018 -01 st Jan-	256	143	31	-	12	5	-	-	-	-	15	12	4	-	-	478
Esseq Sub- Reg	31 st Dec	79	56	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	139
G/tow n	Disp osed	123 8	463	103	-	7	17	15	8	1	-	737	86	29	10	48	2762
NA Sub- Reg	in 2018 -	258	115	16	-	12	5	-	-	-	-	14	10	4	-	-	434
Esseq Sub- Reg	01 st J an- 31 st Dec	34	25	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	62

G/town	Pending	452	130	39	6	6	6	3	13	-	-	153	-	36	7	-	851
NA Sub-Reg	at 2019-01-01	55	31	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	104
Esseq Sub-Reg		46	40	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	91

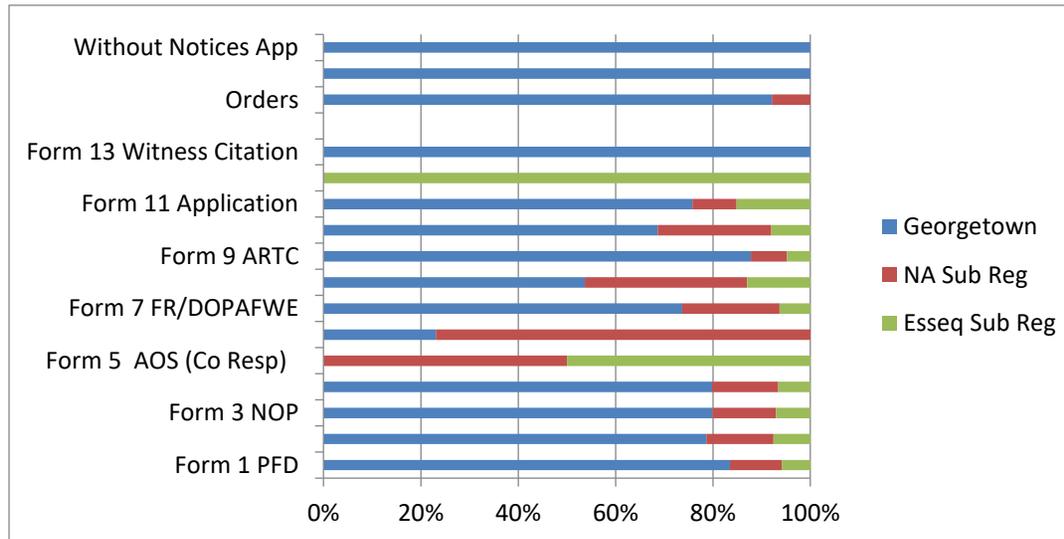
Bar Chart showing Matters Filed under Old Rules 2018



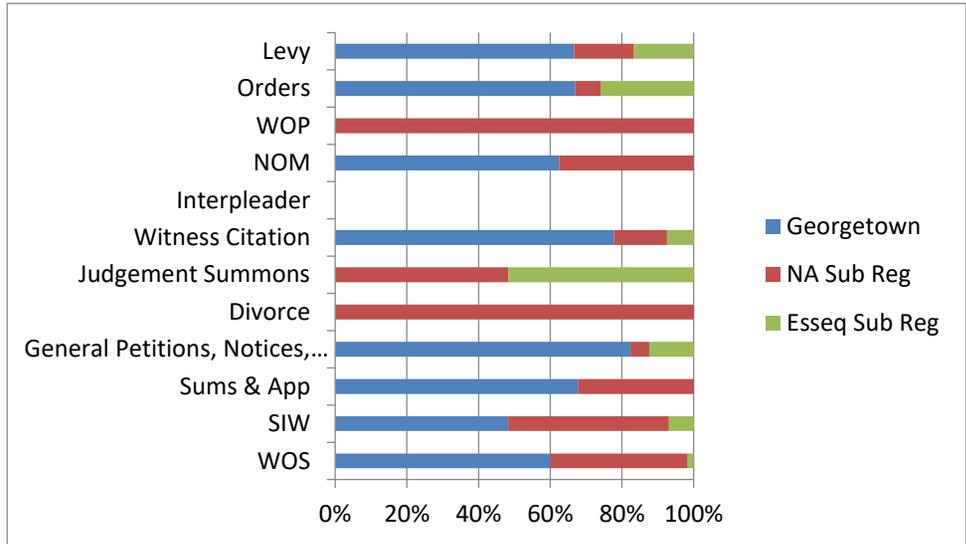
Bar chart showing Matters Filed New Rules 2018



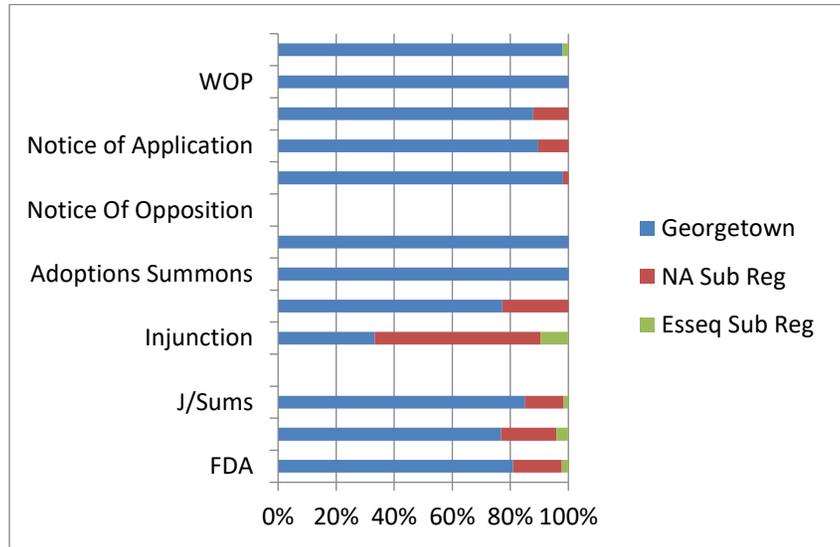
Bar Chart showing Matters Filed in Family Division 2018



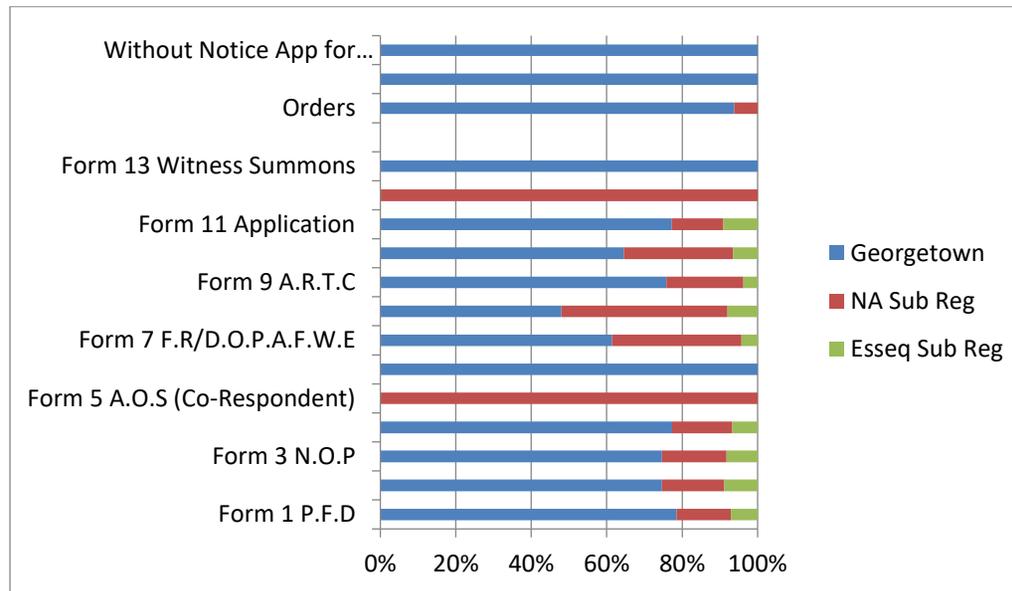
Bar Chart Showing Matters Served Old Rules 2018



Bar Chart Showing Matters Served New Rules 2018



Bar Chart Showing Matters Served in Family Division 2018



DEMERARA

Execution Auction Sales held by Registrar of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the Judicial year 2018

Months	Dates	Total Properties Advertised	Total Sales
January	-	-	-
February	20-02-18	22	11
March	20-03-18	33	9
April	24-04-18	24	9
May	15-05-18	4	3
June	26-06-18	44	19
July	17-07-18	1	1
August	14-08-18	32	4
September	18-08-18	4	1
October	2-10-18	21	6

	16-10-18	2	4
November	20-11-18	18	4
December	-	-	-
Total		205	71

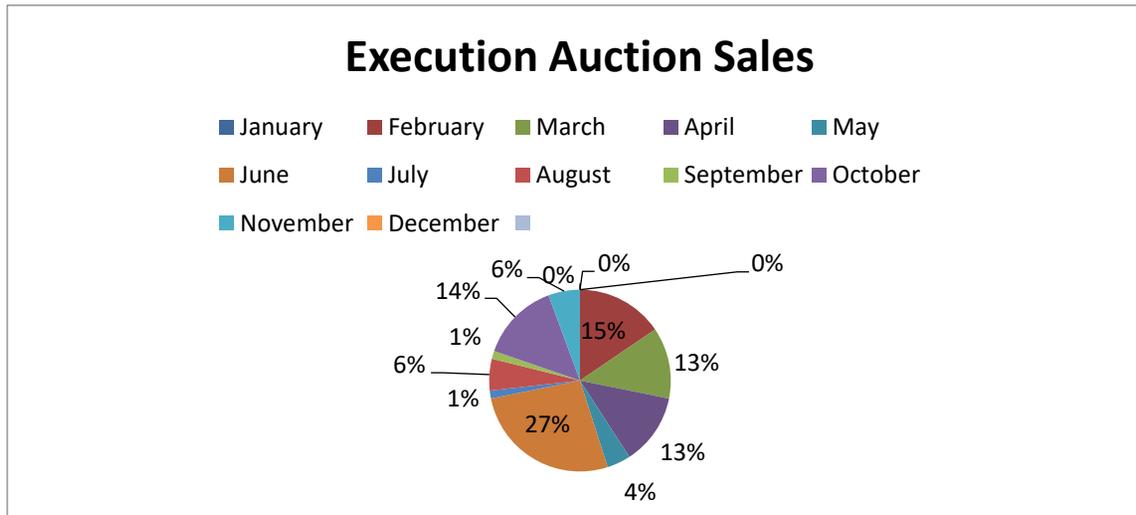
BERBICE

Execution Auction Sales held by Registrar of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the Judicial year 2018

Months	Dates	Total Properties Advertised	Total Sales
January	-	-	-
February	-	-	-
March	-	-	-
April	5-04-18	17	3
May	-	-	-
June	28-06-18	17	6
July	-	-	-
August	-	-	-
September	-	-	-
October	11-10-18	1	1
November	-	-	-
December	-	-	-
Total		34	10

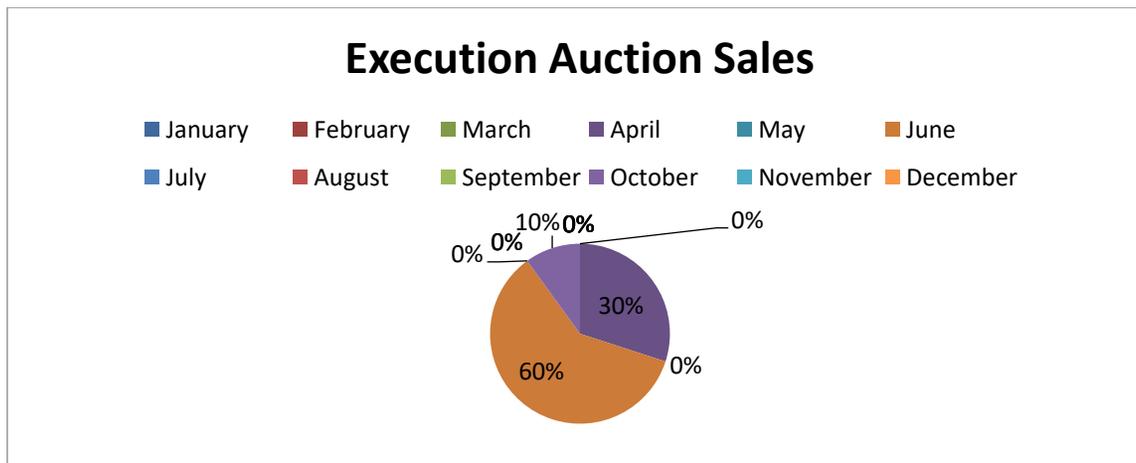
DEMERARA

Chart Showing Total Execution Auction Sales held by Registrar of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the Judicial year 2018



BERBICE

Chart showing Total Execution Auction Sales held by Registrar of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the Judicial year 2018





The Personnel Department is responsible for the welfare of staff from the commencement of their employment until the time of their termination of service, be it by resignation, dismissal or retirement.

The Personnel Department has the ultimate responsibility for the management of the human resources of the Supreme Court of Judicature and the Magistrates' Courts. This unit

The Personnel Department

is headed by a Principal Personnel Officer

The Personnel Department is responsible for maintaining the records relative to the appointments, leave, records of service, resignation or dismissal, retirement, acting/responsibility allowances of the Supreme Court.

During the year under review the following tasks were completed amongst other Personnel duties:

Sixty –seven (67) persons were employed by the Supreme Court of Judicature.

There were nine (9) dismissals effected.

Eight (8) employees tendered their resignation and they were accepted by the Supreme Court of Judicature.

Training of employees:

Two (2) employees were trained on Project Proposal Development at programme lasting two (2) days by the JTW Management Institute.

Two (2) employees were Inducted / Oriented by the Ministry of Presidency, Training Division.

Two (2) employees were trained on the Principles of Supervisory Management Module 2 by the Ministry of Presidency, Training Division.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT



OVERVIEW

This section is concerned with the administrative functions of the Supreme Court. To implement executive decisions and take administrative action in the relation to policy decisions, day to day activities and staff welfare of the Supreme Court and Magistrates' Courts. It is headed by a Court Manager who was employed in

January, 2018 and supervised by an Administrative Assistant who monitors the activities of drivers, cleaners, storekeepers, janitors etc.

This department is also responsible through the Stores, for supplying the various districts and departments with the necessary capital items, stationery, janitorial and medical supplies needed. It also ensures that

official correspondences/documents are retrieved and dispatched in a timely manner. In addition, it oversees the maintenance of the physical infrastructure of the buildings to ensure they are clean and the surroundings are tidy and conducive for a healthy working environment for staff and members of the public.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

One (1) Office Assistant was employed during the year 2017 after the previous office assistant resigned in June 2014. The assumptions of the new office assistant helped tremendously in assisting with lifting boxes and other heavy items within the stock room and around the court, he also assists with the packing up Judges' and Magistrates' refreshments.

Four (4) drivers were employed during the year under review, which was a great help since there is a constant demand for drivers from

various districts and departments. One driver was deputed to the Court of Appeal and two others remained at the High Court, while the fourth was stationed at Lethem in Region 9.

Four (4) new vehicles were purchased in the year under review, where one of the vehicles was stationed at the Court of Appeal, two vehicles and two drivers remained at the High Court while the fourth vehicle was sent to Rupununi Magisterial District where it is driven by the fourth driver.

The store room for janitorial and stationery items was refurbished and is now combined with the space where the Marshals' section used to be housed before moving over to the newly constructed Land Court building. The stock room no longer has an upper flat, both upper and lower flats were combined and converted to the stock room, giving the stockroom higher shelves to store more items, both janitorial and stationery.

THE LAW LIBRARY



OPERATIONS

During the period under review, the Supreme Court Law Library continued to provide effective and efficient services to all its stakeholders. These include:

- Court of Appeal Judges
- Chief Justice
- Puisne Judges
- Registrar
- Deputy Registrar
- Members of the Bar
- Law students
- Approved Researchers

Throughout the year, the Library was constantly in receipt of books and updated reports.

Collections were placed at Lethem, Leonora, Vigilance, Fort Wellington, Whim and Springlands Magistrates' Courts.

These collections are continuously updated as reports and text books become available for each collection.

The Old Library is in the process of being transformed into a semi museum/Reading Room/Mediation Room.

It was formerly used as the Capital Room for many years; as such it had to be refurbished.

PHOTOCOPYING REVENUE RECEIVED

<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>TOTAL (\$)</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>TOTAL (\$)</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>TOTAL (\$)</u>
January	73,380	May	64,330	September	60,500
February	70,470	June	40,110	October	63,050
March	56,480	July	52,720	November	36,800
April	52,680	August	46,600	December	36,360

BERBICE SUB REGISTRY – BERBICE HIGH COURT



Introduction

The Berbice High Court on Esplanade Road, New Amsterdam, Berbice, houses three courtrooms for criminal, land and civil matters; Judges’ chambers, an enormous Law Library, and other amenities. On the grounds of The Berbice High Court, the public can find a mediation center, the registry, the marshals’ office. Additionally, not too far away in the compound are the Judges’ living quarters.

COURT PERFORMANCE

Table and Chart 1 illustrate the status of Civil Matters for 2018, while Table and Chart 2 illustrate the status of Criminal Matters for 2018 at the Berbice High Court

TABLE 1: STATUS OF CIVIL MATTERS 2018

Special ly Indors ed Writ	Writ of Summon s	Summon s & Other Applicati ons	Adopti on	Judgm ent Summ ons	Judgmen t Summon s Under the Regular Jurisdicti on	Gener al Petiti on	Divor ce	Stateme nt of Claim	Fixed Date Applicat ion	Famil y Divisi on	Tot al

Pending at 2017/12/31	827	1805	312	454	96	9	-	784	81	184	319	4871
Filed in 2018	-	-	-	3	-	51	-	-	154	478	453	1139
Disposed of in 2018	639	1355	155	-	44	44	-	700	128	552	442	4059
Pending at 2018/12/31	118	450	157	457	52	16	-	84	107	110	330	1951

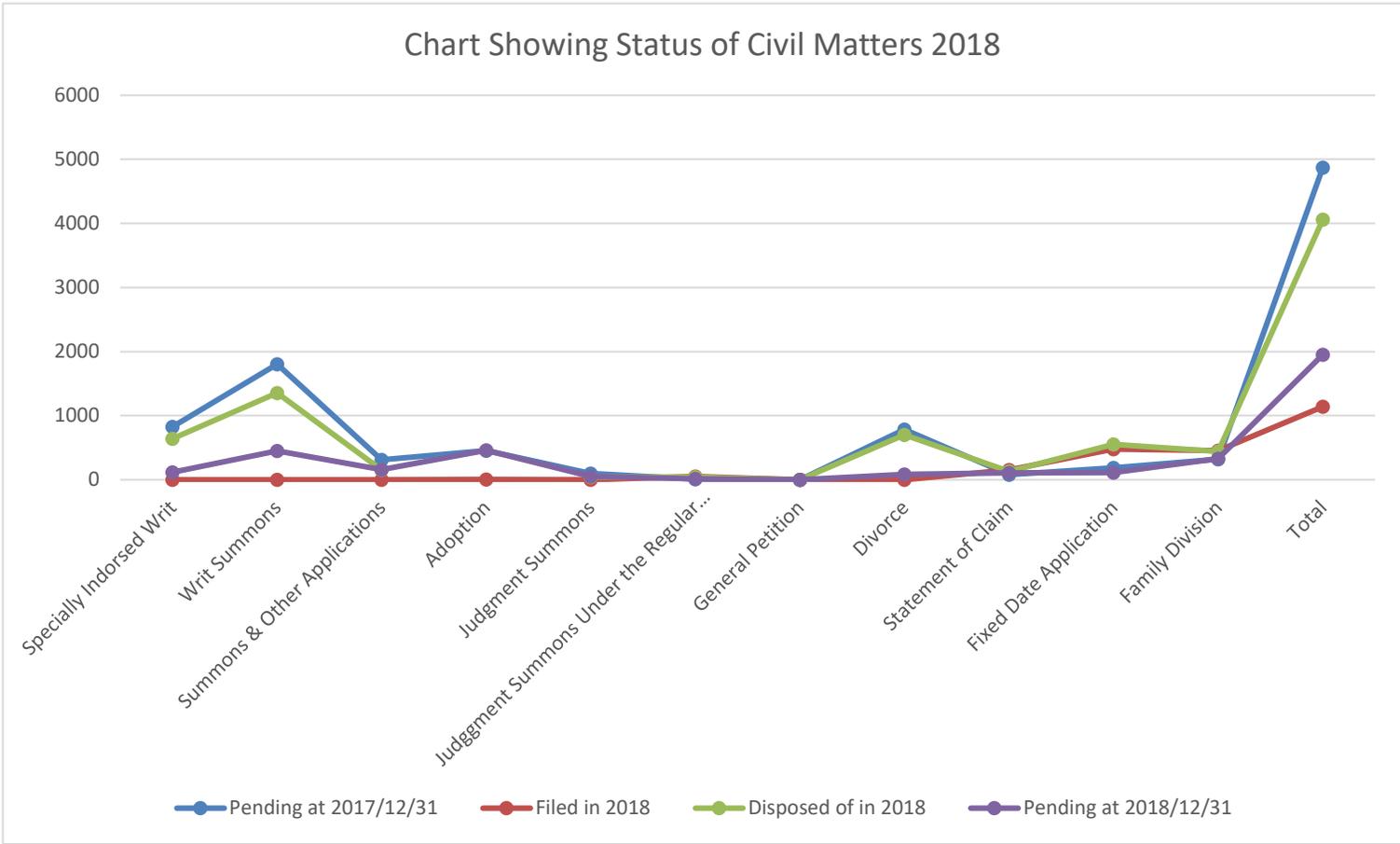


TABLE 2: STATUS OF CRIMINAL MATTERS AT BERBICE HIGH COURT,

Indictment	
Pending at 2017/12/31	263

Filed in 2018	53
Disposed of in 2018	47
Pending at 2018/12/31	50

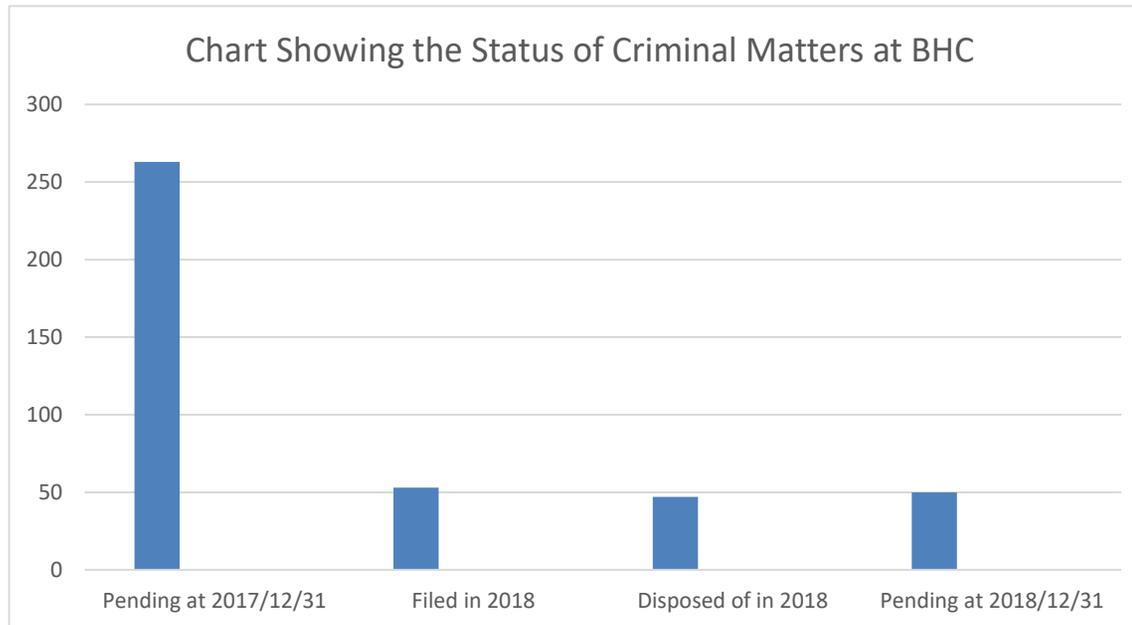


TABLE 4: STATUS OF MATTERS FILED IN THE PROBATE SECTION, 2018

	APPLICATION FOR PROBATE	APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION	RE-SEALING OF GRANT	WILLS DEPOSITED	CAVEATS ENTERED	TOTAL
PENDING AT 2017/12/31	210	405	1	2256	3	3234
FILED IN 2018	25	116	NIL	260	9	410
DISPOSED OF IN 2018	40	92	NIL	17	7	156
PENDING AT 2018/12/31	195	429	1	2499	5	3129

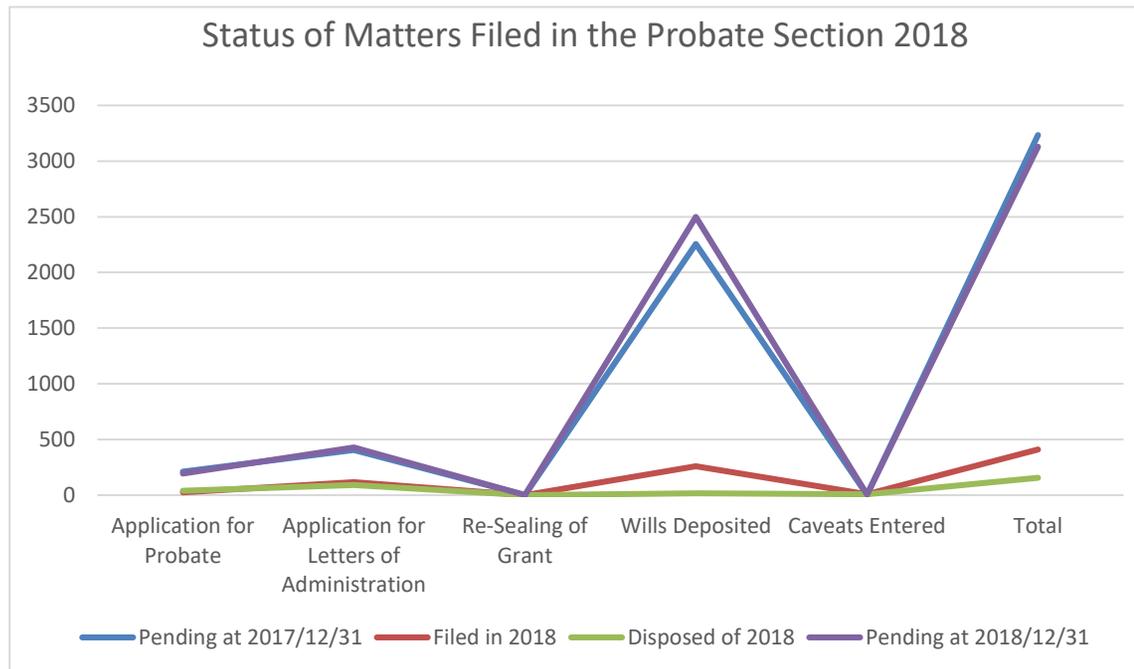


TABLE 5: STATUS OF MATTERS FILED IN THE LAND COURT, 2018

	PETITION FOR TITLE	SECTION 35	LAND REGISTRATION SECTION 79	LAND REGISTRATIO N SECTION 107	LAND REGIST RATION SECTIO N 17	TOTA L
PENDING AT 2017/12/31	710	3	85	762	NIL	1560
FILED IN 2018	405	NIL	20	199	NIL	624
DISPOSED OF IN 2018	770	3	80	389	NIL	1242
PENDING AT 2018/12/31	345	NIL	25	572	NIL	942

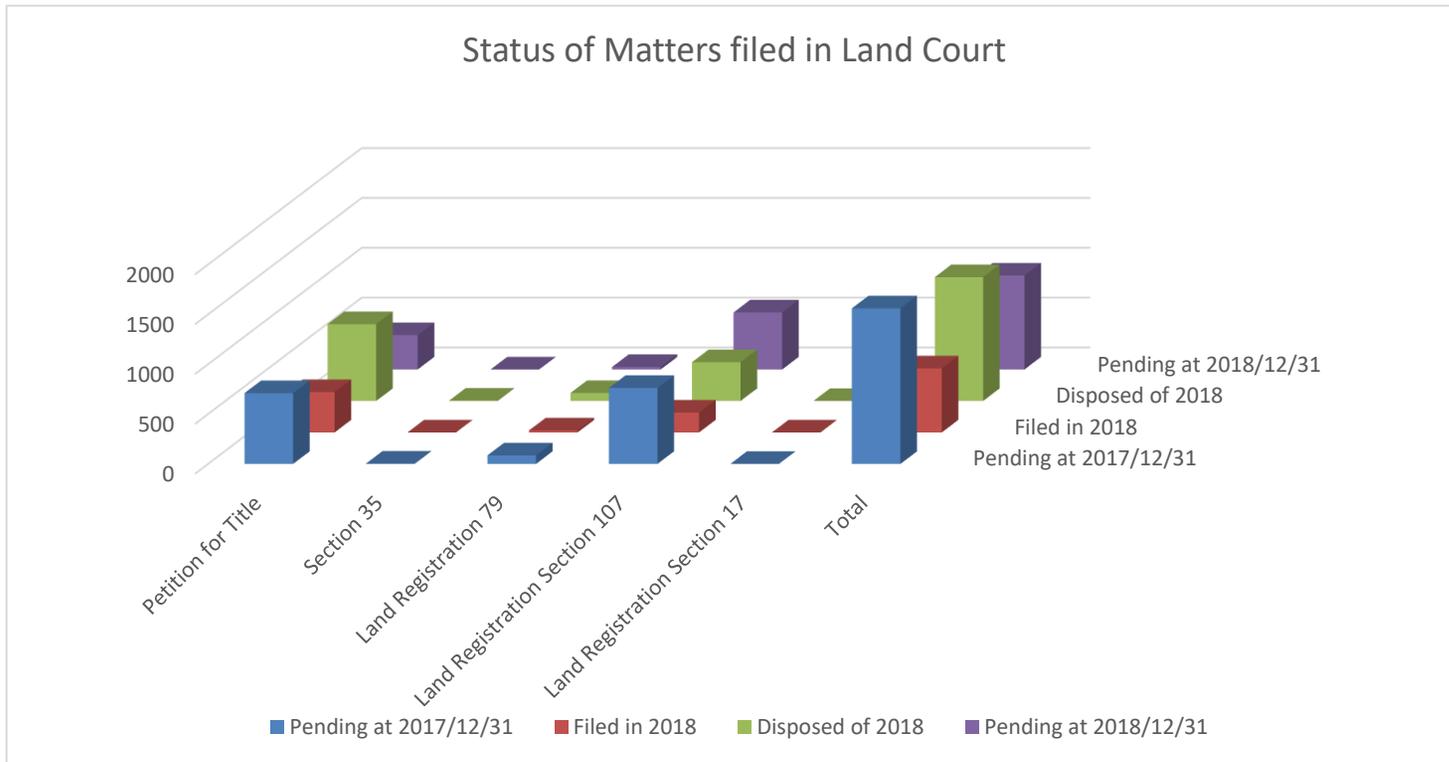


TABLE 6: STATUS OF MATTERS BEFORE THE FULL COURT

	CRIMINAL	CIVIL
PENDING AT 2017/12/31	34	98
FILED IN 2018	2	15
DISPOSED OF IN 2018	1	5
PENDING AT 2018/12/31	35	108

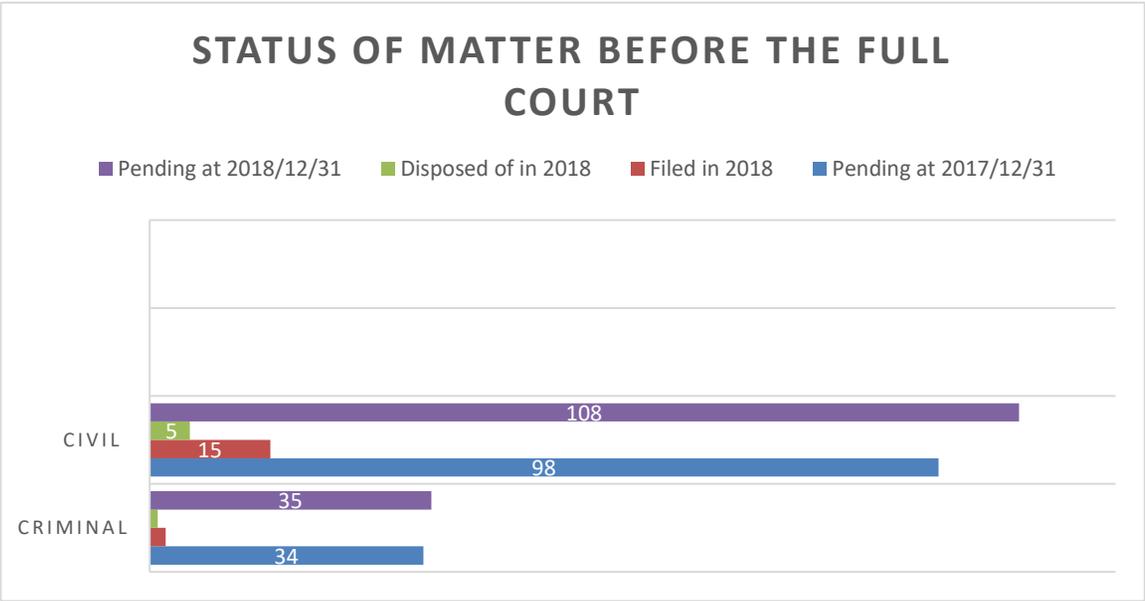


TABLE 7: STATUS OF PETITION FOR BAIL AT BERBICE HIGH COURT,

BSR-Period	Petition for Bail
Pending 2017/12/31	NIL
Filed in 2018	28
Disposed of in 2018	28
Pending at 2018/12/31	NIL

Essequibo Sub Registry – Essequibo High Court



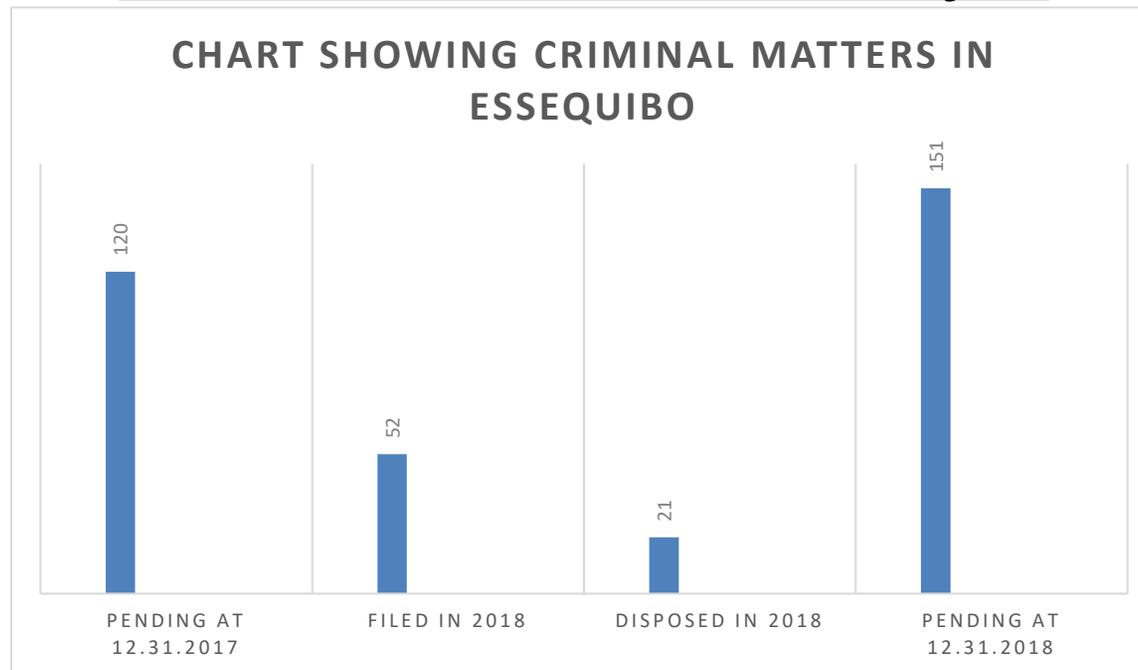
Introduction

The Essequibo High Court, the youngest of High Courts in Guyana, is located at Suddie Village, Essequibo Coast, Region Two, Pomeroon-Supenaam. The Court has three courtrooms, a Mediation Centre and it also has a Sub-Registry for the district.

CRIMINAL CASES REPORT, ESSEQUIBO 2018

A total of Fifty-two (52) Criminal Depositions were filed during the year 2018. One Hundred and Twenty (120) were pending at December 31st 2017 making a grand total of one hundred and seventy-two (172) criminal matters to be heard in 2018. Twenty-one (21) matters were disposed in 2018 leaving a total of one hundred and fifty-one (151) matters pending at December 31st, 2018.

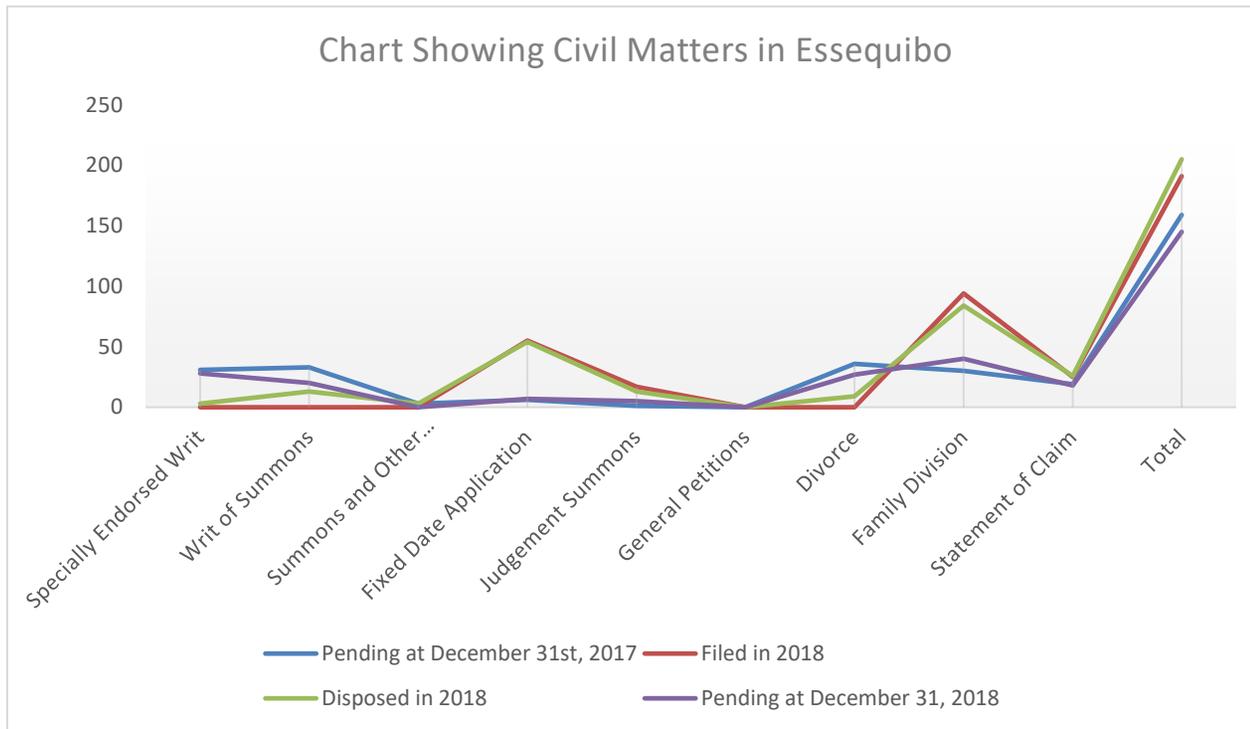
TABLE SHOWING CRIMINAL MATTERS IN ESSEQUIBO



A total of one hundred ninety-one (191) civil matters were filed in 2018 and one hundred fifty-nine (159) were pending at December 31st 2017 making a grand total of three hundred fifty (350) matters to be heard in 2018. Two hundred five (205) of those matters were disposed in 2018 leaving a total of one hundred forty-five (145) matters pending at December 31st, 2018.

TABLE/CHART SHOWING CIVIL MATTERS IN ESSEQUIBO

ESR-Period	Special y Endorse d Writ	Writ of Summ ons	Summon s and other Applicati ons	Fixed Date Applicat ion	Judgm ent Summ ons	Gener al Petiti ons	Divor ce	Family Divisi on	Statem ent of Claim	Total
Pending at December 31 st , 2017	31	33	3	6	1	-	36	30	19	159
Filed in 2018	-	-	-	55	17	-	-	94	25	191
Disposed in 2018	3	13	3	54	13	-	9	84	26	205
Pending at December 31 st , 2018	28	20	-	7	5	-	27	40	18	145



LAND COURT, ESSEQUIBO 2018

Thirty-eight (38) Petitions for prescriptive titles were filed in 2018 and Eighty-eight (88) were pending at 31st December 2017 making a grand total of One hundred and twenty-six (126) matters to be heard in 2018. Thirty-four (34) of those were heard leaving a total of Ninety-two (92) matters pending at December 31st, 2018.

TABLE SHOWING LAND COURT MATTERS IN ESSEQUIBO

ESR-Period	Petition for Prescriptive Title	Deeds Registry Act Chapter 5:01	Land Restriction Act Chapter 5:02-S-79	Land Restriction Act Chapter 5:02-S-107	Land Restriction Act Chapter 5:02-S-17

Pending at December 31st, 2017	88	-	-	-	-
Filed in 2018	38	-	-	-	-
Disposed in 2018	34	-	-	-	-
Pending at December 31st, 2018	92	-	-	-	-

Work done by Commissioner of Title Madam Nicola Pierre and Madam Priscilla Chandra-Haniff

PETITION FOR PRESCRIPTIVE TITLE COMPLETED BY MADAM NICOLA PIERRE	
ESSEQUIBO	GEORGETOWN
17	90

PETITION FOR PRESCRIPTIVE TITLE COMPLETED BY MADAM PRISCILLA CHANDRA-HANIFF	
ESSEQUIBO	GEORGETOWN
17	8

LAND PETITION MATTERS RECEIVED FROM GEORGETOWN

Filed in 2018	118
Disposed in 2018	98
Pending at December 31, 2018	20

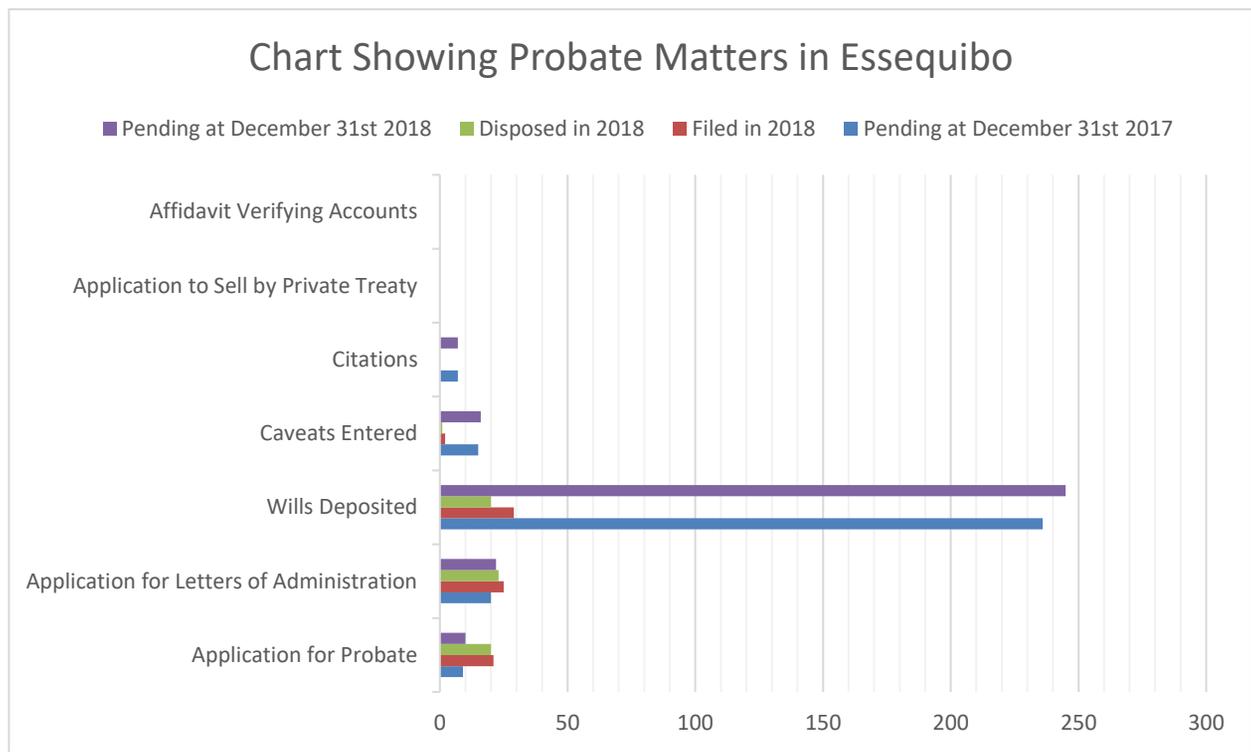
PROBATE

Twenty-one (21) applications for Probate and twenty-five (25) applications for Letters of Administration were filed in 2018. Twenty (20) applications for Probate and twenty-three (23) applications for Letters of Administration were disposed.

TABLE SHOWING PROBATE MATTERS IN ESSEQUIBO

ESR-Period	Application for Probate	Application for Letters of Administration	Wills Deposited	Caveats Entered	Citations	Application to Sell by Private Treaty	Affidavit Verifying Accounts
Pending at December 31 st 2017	9	20	236	15	7	-	-
Filed in 2018	21	25	29	2	-	-	-
Disposed in	20	23	20	1	-	-	-

2018							
Pending at December 31 st 2018	10	22	245	16	7	-	-



CRIMINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2018

Year	Session	Judge	No. Of Cases Listed	No. Disposed	Convictions	Acquittals	NolleProsqui
2018	February	Sandra Kurtzious	62	7	4	3	-
2018	May	Brassington Reynolds & James Bovell-Drakes	60	5	3	2	9
2018	October	Brassington Reynolds	78	2	-	2	-
TOTAL			200	14	7	7	9

Note:Fifty-one (51) cases on the list keep recurring. They are cases where Arrest Warrants were issued for the Accused but the accused has not been arrested.

Cases done by the Honourable Justice Madam Sandra Kurtzious during the period 1st January – 30th June, 2018.

CRIMINAL

OFFENCE	FEMALE	MALE	NO. SENTENCED	NO. ACQUITTED
2 Rape of a Child Under 16 Years	-	2	2	-
3 Rape	-	3	-	3
6 Murder	-	6	4	2
1 Manslaughter	-	1	1	-

CIVIL

SPECIALLY INDORSED WRIT	WRIT OF SUMMONS	SUMMONS AND APPLICATION	FAMILY DIVISION	JUDGMENT SUMMONS	FIXED DATE APPLICATION	DIVORCE	TOTAL
3	10	1	41	4	26	6	104

Cases done by the Honourable Justice James Bovell-Drakes during the period 1st July – 31th August, 2018.

CRIMINAL

OFFENCE	FEMALE	MALE	NO. SENTENCED	NO. ACQUITTED
1 Rape of a Child Under 16 Years (1st Count)	-	1	-	1
1 Manslaughter	-	1	1	-

CIVIL

SPECIAL LY INDORS ED WRIT	WRIT OF SUMM ONS	SUMMONS AND APPLICATI ON	ADOPTI ONS FAMILY DIVISIO N	JUDGEM ENT SUMMO NS	FIXED DATE APPILCATI ON	STATEMEN T OF CLAIM	DIVORC E	TOTA L
-	-	-	15	3	5	1	-	24

Cases done by the Honourable Justice Brassington Reynolds during the period 1st October – 31st December, 2018.

CRIMINAL

OFFENCE	FEMALE	MALE	NO. SENTENCE	NO. ACQUITTED
2 Sexual Activity with a Child (Family Member)	-	2	-	2

CIVIL

SPECIALY INDORSED WRIT	WRIT OF SUMMONS	SUMMONS AND APPLICATION	ADOPTIONS FAMILY DIVISION	JUDGEMENT SUMMONS	FIXED DATE APPLICATI ON	STATEMEN T OF CLAIM	DIVORC E	TOTA L
-	3	2	28	6	23	3	7	72

ESSEQUIBO SUB-REGISTRY – CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

OFFENCE	MALE	FEMALE	CONVICTED	AQUITTED	NOLLE PROSQUI
2 Rape of a Child Under 16 Years	2	-	2	-	-
3 Rape	3	-	-	3	9
2 Manslaughter	2	-	2	-	-
4 Murder	6	-	4	2	-
2 Sexual Activity with a Child (Family Member)	2	-	-	2	-
1 Rape of a Child Under 16 Years (1st Count)	1	-	-	1	-

CRIMINAL MATTERS CONCLUDED

OFFENCE	MALE	FEMALE	CONVICTED	AQUITTED	FAILED TO ARRIVE AT A VERDICT
2 Rape of a Child Under 16 Years	2	-	2	-	-
3 Rape	3	-	-	3	9
2 Manslaughter	2	-	2	-	-
4 Murder	6	-	4	2	-
2 Sexual Activity with a Child (Family Member)	2	-	-	2	-
1 Rape of a Child Under 16 Years (1st Count)	1	-	-	1	-

THE FINANCIAL REPORT



Introduction

The Supreme Court remained with the Integrated Financial Management and Accounting System (IFMAS) now Integrated Financial Management and Information System (IFMIS) as of 1st January, 2018, operated by the Ministry of Finance for the releases of funds, processing of payments and posting of revenues collected.

For the year 2018 funds for recurrent and capital expenditures were released as separate lump sums under chart of account 6323 and 7011– Constitutional Agencies from the Ministry of Finance respectively.

Accounts

This department's activities continued to be managed by the two (2) Chief Accountants who share the responsibilities of the Principal Assistant Secretary (Finance) Office which remains to date vacant. This position is awaiting the Public Service Commission (PSC) approval to be advertised for the filling. This department is responsible for the

control of all financial matters in this Constitutional Agency for processing of payroll, expenditure, collection of revenue and its transfer into the Consolidated Fund, and Budget preparation. The department also manages accounts for minors, pursuant to Orders of Court, the Registry Account, that is, money paid into the Registry by litigants to abide the outcome of civil proceedings and the execution sale account.

In terms of expenditure for current and capital budget allocations, the staff of this unit must ensure that monies are spent in accordance with sub – heads/activities or chart of accounts under which monies are drawn by a direct charge on the Consolidated Fund subject to conformity with the financial practices and procedures approved by the National Assembly.

In the year 2017, the Supreme Court submitted its budget proposal for the year 2018 to the Ministry of Finance for the sum of two billion seven hundred and fifty-three million, eight hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars (G\$2,753,863,000) for both recurrent (operational) and capital (developmental) expenditures for consideration.

The National Assembly approved the sum of one billion five hundred and sixty-four million three hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars (G\$1,564,354,000) for recurrent expenditure (Salaries and other charges) and three hundred and ten million three hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars (G\$310,376,000) for capital expenditure (buildings, land and water transport and furniture and equipment) a total

lump sum of one billion, eight hundred and seventy-four million seven hundred and thirty thousand dollars (G\$1,874,730,000) on 2nd November, 2018.

This approved amount represents 23.26% of the total estimates of eight billion and fifty-seven million eight hundred and thirty-seven thousand dollars (G\$8,057,837,000) approved for Constitutional Agencies Budget 2018 and 0.70% of the national budget of two hundred and sixty-seven billion and ninety-three million seven hundred and seventy-one thousand dollars (G\$267,093,771,000) approved by the National Assembly for Public Sector for current and capital expenditures.

After reviewing our lump sum budget of G\$1,874,730,000, it was

clear that this amount was inadequate to meet proposed expenditures for employment and other charges expenditures for the year 2018 as follows:

(a) To meet shortfall in Employment Cost – Salaries for: (1) Court Manager, one (1) Judicial Research Assistant, one (1) Assistant Registrar, seven (7) Marshals, one (1) Bailiff, one (1) Clerk II General, six (6) Accounts Clerks, four (4) Data Entry Clerks, twenty two (22) Legal Clerks, two (2) Listing Clerks, four (4) Counter Clerks, 1 Vault Attendant, seven (7) Typist Clerks, seven (7) Office Assistants, three (3) Drivers, one (1) Janitor, two (2) Cleaners and vacancies advertised in the newspapers to be filled - one (1) Driver Mechanic, six (6) Judicial Research Assistants, one

(1) Deputy Registrar, one (1) Communication & Protocol Officer, two (2) Research Librarian & two (2) Assistant Librarians

(b) To meet shortfall in Employment Cost – Benefits & Allowances (duty, travelling, telephone & house allowances) approved by Ministry of the Presidency, Department of Public Service for one (1) Administrative Assistant, one (1) Principal Clerk of Court, one (1) Clerk of Court I, four (4) Clerk of Courts II, one (1) Research Librarian, one (1) Legal Clerk and one (1) Court Manager and Other direct labour cost - responsibility allowance for two (2) Chief Accountants and non-taxable duty allowance for three (3) new drivers

(c) To meet shortfall in Statutory Wages & Salaries– (a) Salaries for the temporary appointment of two (2) Justice of Appeals for six (6) months period and permanent appointment of one (1) Puisne Judges (b) Salary in Lieu of Leave for the Honourable Chancellor (ag) two (2) months, Chief Justice (ag) 1 month and two (2) Puisne Judges one (1) month each.

(d) To meet shortfall in Statutory Benefits & Allowances – Payment of NIS, house, duty, commuted, chauffeur, entertainment and chauffeur gratuity allowances, internet, telephone, fuel and repairs to state vehicle assigned charges, to purchase small bottle water and monthly refreshments for chambers of two (2) Justice of Appeal and one (1) Puisne Judge

(e) To meet shortfall in other charges expenditures for the payment of

additional expenses incurred for the opening and continued functioning of the Rupununi Magisterial District (Lethem), overseas travelling expenses for conferences, seminars and training for Chancellor and Chief Justice (ag), Puisne Judges and Magistrates, increase in expenses due to the introduction of the new Civil Procedure Rules and increase in hearing and determination of Criminal Cases, expenses for shipment of law books donated from UK and increase in subscription fees for online libraries (CARILAW) for Judges, Increase in fuel, vehicle spares and maintenance cost due to employment of three (3) new drivers, increase in utility charges due to increase in fixed charges, consumption and new locations installed, increase in refreshments

and meals due to employment of more senior and junior staff and opening of more courts and expenses for hosting of the Judges and Magistrates Conference 2018

In August, 2018 the Supreme Court made a request to the Ministry of Finance for a Supplementary Provision of two hundred and two million two hundred and fifty-six thousand two hundred and nine dollars (G\$202,256,209) to offset the above expenditures however, the sum of one hundred and sixty-five million six hundred thousand dollars (G\$165,600,000) was proposed by the Minister of Finance and approved by the National Assembly on the 1st November, 2018.

This reduced amount was carefully managed, coupled with savings, scaling down of programs, timely

execution of projects etc all led to the Supreme Court satisfying its obligations towards employees, customers, contractors etc. for the year 2018.

This sum has increasing our approved budget allocation for 2018 to the sum of two billion and forty million three hundred and thirty thousand dollars (G\$ 2,040,330,000).

For the Fiscal year ending 31st December, 2018, additional funds were received from the Ministry of Finance through Inter/Intra Departmental Allocation Warrants to meet the following expenditures:

- IDW# 2501 - Twenty-nine million, seven hundred and thirty-eight thousand, six hundred and ninety-six dollars (\$29,738,696) from chart of

account 6141-Revision of Wages & Salaries, to meet expenditure for the payment of salary increases for year 2018.

Summary of Funds Received for 2018

Revised Approved Budget

G\$ 2,040,330,000

Inter/Intra Departmental

Allocation Warrants

G\$ 29,738,696

Total

\$2,070,068,696

Statutory Cost

To fulfill our obligations with respect to remuneration for Puisne Judges, Justice of Appeals, Chief Justice (ag) and Chancellor (ag) the Supreme

Court expended the sum of three hundred and sixty-two million two hundred and forty-two thousand two hundred and twenty-three dollars (G\$362,242,223) on statutory expenditure for year 2018. This amount represents an increase of sixty-three million five hundred and fifty-two thousand five hundred and twenty-one dollars (G\$63,552,521) or 21.28% from 2017 and 17.50% of total funds received for 2018. This increase was as a result of the employment of two (2) temporary Court of Appeal Judges for six (6) months, the employment of one (1) permanent High Court Judge and the payment of salary in lieu of leave for the Judges.

Employment Cost

The Supreme Court expended the sum of seven hundred and eighty-three million four hundred and thirty-five thousand six hundred and thirty-

eight dollars (G\$783,435,638) towards the payment of salaries and other emoluments for administrative, clerical, semi-skill & un-skilled, contracted and temporary employees for the year 2018. This amount represents an increase of fifty-five million one hundred and thirty-three thousand four hundred and eighty dollars (G\$55,133,408) or 7.57% from 2017 and 37.85% of total funds received for 2018. This increase had resulted from the employment of new staff members and increases in salaries from the prior year 2017.

Other Charges

The Supreme Court expended the sum of six hundred and fourteen million and fourteen thousand, seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars (G\$614,014,777) towards the daily operations of the High Court,

Georgetown, the Sub-Registries in Berbice and Essequibo, the Court of Appeal, Land Court, Family Court, Mediation Centre, Law Library, Court Reporting Unit and the nine (9) Magisterial Districts for the year 2018. This amount was sufficiently used to satisfy payments for goods and service, construction and maintenance works geared towards the improvement and proper upkeep of court buildings, daily functioning of the registries and department with stationery and janitorial supplies etc. and improvements in customer service and staff accommodations and welfare. This amount represents an increase of forty-nine million and forty-eight thousand three hundred and eighteen dollars (G\$49,048,318) or 8.68% from 2017 and 29.66% of total funds received for 2018. This increase had resulted from the opening of the Rupununi Magisterial

District on 2nd February, 2018, overseas conference/seminars attended by members of the Judiciary, increase in Mediation service, brief fees, notices in daily newspapers for jurors/witness etc to attend court, postage of notices and subscription for online cases for the judges. Also, for the payment for shipment of law books donated from UK, the hosting of the Judges and Magistrate's Conference and the general increase in operational expenses during the year 2018.

Breakdown of Expenditure by Chart of Accounts

♣ Overseas Travelling for Judicial Officers

The Supreme Court expended the sum of twenty-six million, five hundred and seventeen thousand, and ninety-six dollars (G\$26,517,096) for overseas travelling for Judicial

Officers attending conferences, seminars, meeting, workshop/training during the year 2018.

♣ Training

During the year 2018, the Supreme Court expended the sum of eight million, two hundred and eighty-six thousand, nine hundred and sixty-three dollars (G\$8,286,963) for conducting several trainings/workshops for Judges, Magistrates and staff members to elevate their knowledge and skills towards the job.

♣ Security Services

The Supreme Court expended the sum of forty-two million, three hundred and forty-four thousand, seven hundred and fifty-two thousand dollars (\$42,344,752)

to provide security for court buildings and staff members at the Georgetown, Berbice and Essequibo High Courts, Georgetown, New Amsterdam, Linden, Lethem and Leonora Magistrate's Court, Court of

Appeal and The Marshal's Bond Lombard Street.

six million, eight hundred and seventy-four thousand, nine hundred and sixty-six dollars (\$536,865,966) on operating and court related expenses as follows:

♣ **Operating and Court Related Expenses**

The Supreme Court expended the sum of five hundred and thirty-

❖ Drugs and Medical Supplies	-	❖ Vehicles Spares and Service	- G\$5,371,069
G\$1,203,577		❖ Utility Charges	- G\$116,378,250
❖ Field Materials and Supplies	- G\$1,789,036	❖ Equipment Maintenance	- G\$16,001,797
❖ Office Material and Supplies	- G\$27,390,201	❖ Cleaning and Extermination Services-	G\$ 10,852,173
❖ Print and Non-Print Materials	- G\$33,594,942	❖ National and Other Event	- G\$ 5,974,022
❖ Fuel & Lubricants	- G\$8,290,136	❖ Refreshment and Meals	- G\$ 25,730,642
❖ Rental and Maintenance of Buildings-	G\$55,750,180	❖ Other	- G\$98,126,963
❖ Maintenance of Other Infrastructure-	G\$11,375,863	❖ Rates & Taxes	- G\$7,276,366
❖ Janitorial & Cleaning Supplies	- G\$9,003,793		
❖ Local Travel and Subsistence	- G\$100,150,186		
❖ Postage, Telex & Cablegrams	- G\$2,606,770		

Table I below shows the comparison of Actual Recurrent Expenditure (Operational) incurred for the years 2015 - 2018

N o.	Line Item/Chart of Account	Actual Expenditure			
			2017	2016	2015
1	Statutory Cost	362,242,223	298,689,702	330,821,364	303,154,328
2	Employment Cost	783,435,638	728,302,230	663,650,520	569,582,505
3	Drugs & Medical Supplies	1,203,577	441,650	1,381,334	1,066,560
4	Field Materials & Supplies	1,789,036	1,121,679	1,355,983	139,200
5	Office Materials & Supplies	27,390,201	32,002,883	26,876,863	20,480,720
6	Print & Non-Print Materials	33,594,942	25,106,432	41,575,326	33,864,992
7	Fuel & Lubricants	8,290,136	6,015,900	4,517,378	4,410,642
8	Rental of Buildings	12,300,000	11,930,000	10,955,000	9,469,340
9	Maintenance of Buildings	43,450,180	34,692,049	32,641,921	24,958,872
10	Janitorial & Cleaning Supplies	9,003,793	15,814,764	12,610,333	10,322,444
11	Maintenance of Other Infrastructure	11,375,863	8,867,462	8,257,172	16,997,439
12	Local Travel & Subsistence	100,150,186	99,155,119	86,724,300	64,504,347
13	Overseas Conferences & Official Visits	26,517,096	19,827,516	24,504,162	250,200

14	Postage, Telex & Cablegrams	2,606,770	2,744,050	1,805,570	1,842,250
15	Vehicle Spares & Maintenance	5,371,069	4,690,725	3,813,987	3,463,277
16	Telephone Charges	32,339,320	31,484,321	27,561,697	23,076,985
17	Electricity Charges	70,751,752	62,545,513	36,796,700	37,400,217
18	Water Charges	13,287,178	12,524,869	10,227,612	10,134,125
19	Security Services	42,344,752	53,420,277	56,506,291	56,596,422
20	Equipment Maintenance	16,001,797	17,792,951	13,786,767	12,750,482
21	Cleaning & Extermination Services	10,852,173	10,990,678	7,916,798	7,614,762
22	National and Other Events	5,974,022	1,870,980	2,190,500	753,647
23	Refreshments & Meals	25,730,642	18,593,362	14,517,180	13,976,692
24	Others	98,126,963	81,134,485	98,473,625	48,862,341
25	Training (including Scholarships)	8,286,963	4,696,610	3,613,954	543,755
26	Rates & Taxes	7,276,366	7,502,184	3,540,665	0
		1,759,692,638	1,591,958,391	1,526,623,002	1,276,216,544

Summary For 2018 – Current Expenditure

Receipts

Budget 2018 - releases

1,564,354,000

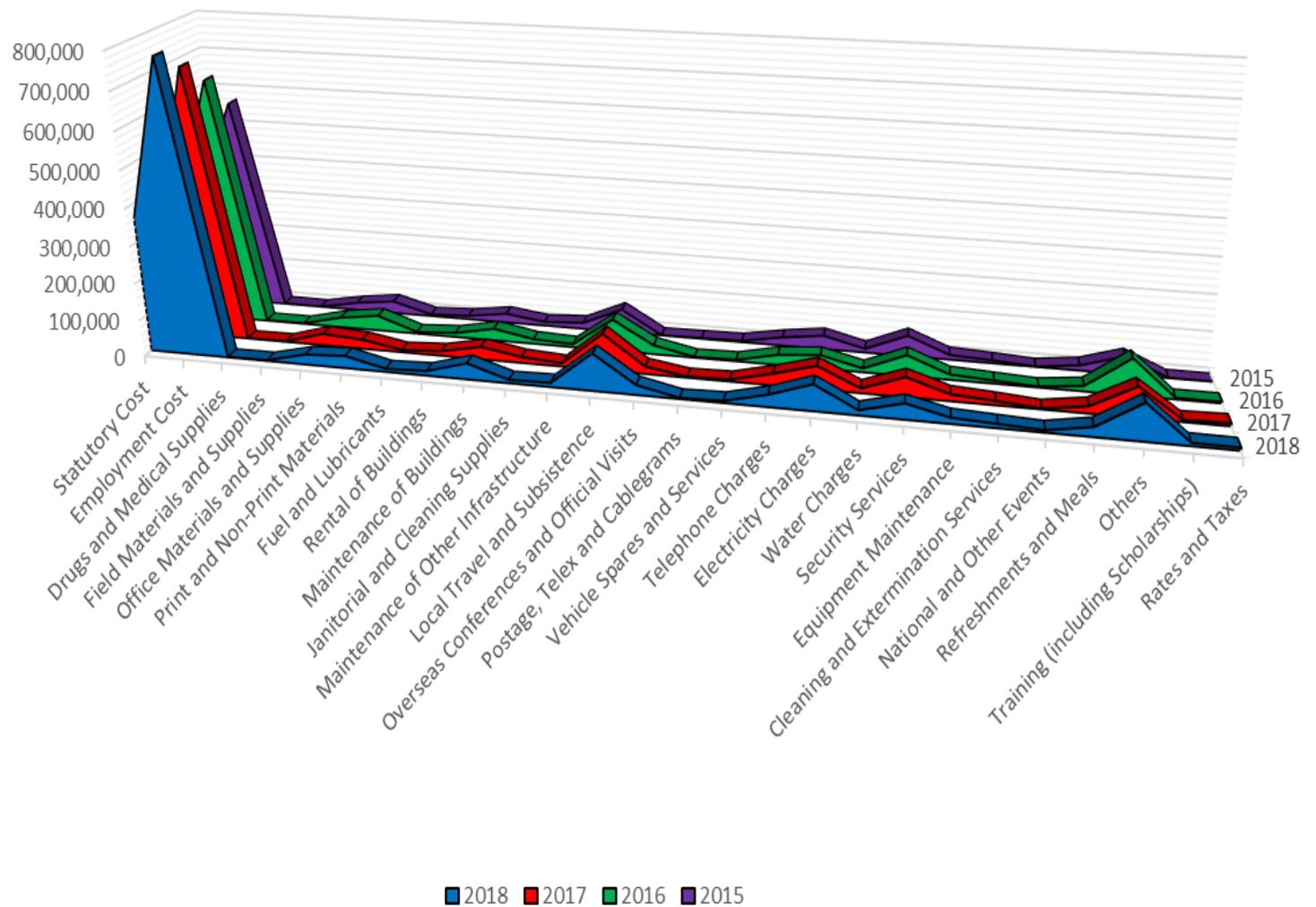
Supplementary Provision	165,600,000	
6141 – Revision of wages & salaries	<u>29,738,696</u>	1,759,692,696

Payments

Statutory Cost	362,242,223	
Employment Cost	783,435,638	
Other Charges	<u>614,014,777</u>	<u>(1,759,692,638)</u>

Balance return to consolidated fund on line item 6323 58

Line Chart Showing Comparisons of Actual Recurrent Expenditure (Operational) incurred for the Years 2015-2018 (G\$000)



Capital Expenditure

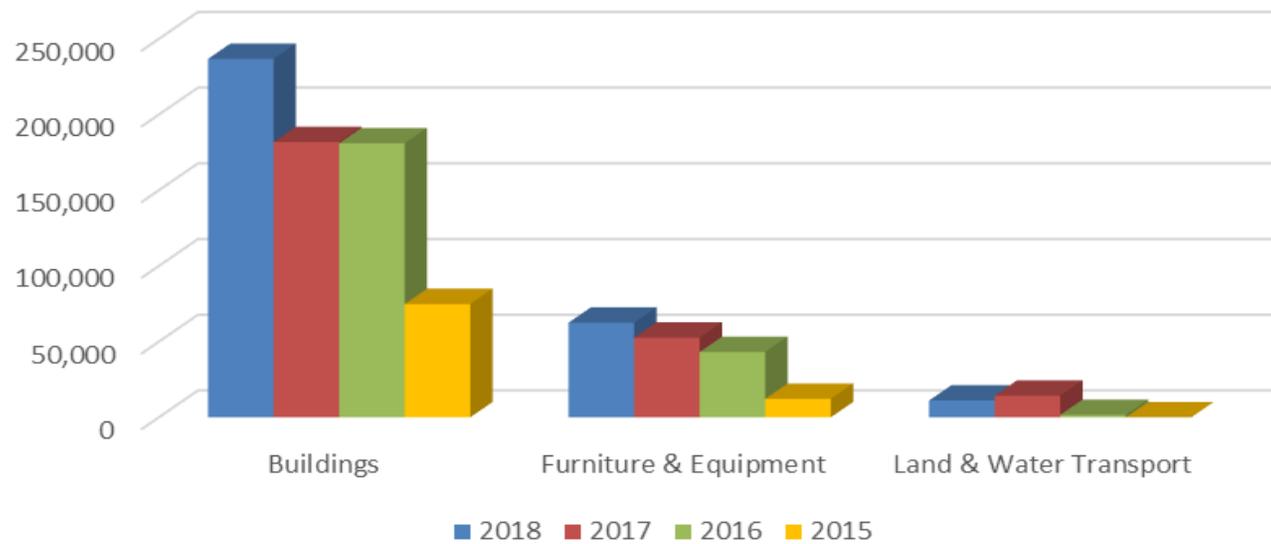
The Supreme Court expended the sum of three hundred and ten million, three hundred and seventy-five thousand, nine hundred and eighty-six dollars (\$310,375,986) on Capital expenditure for the year 2018. This represents an increase of sixty-one million five hundred and seventy-six thousand three hundred and seventy-four dollars (G\$61,576,374) or 24.75% from 2017. This amount represents 14.99% of total funds received for 2019. The reason for such an increase was primarily due to the approval and execution of five (5) major

capital building projects – 1. Construction of the Bartica Magistrate’s Court and Quarters, 2. Construction of the Mahdia Magistrate’s Court and Quarters, 3. Retrofitting of an Old Building to House a Magistrate’s Court and Quarters at Kwakwani, 4. Construction of a Fountain at the High Court Compound, Georgetown and 5. Installation of Wheel Chairlift with Constructed Housing and Connection of Standby Generator to the Land Court Building, Georgetown.

Table II below shows the comparison of Actual Capital Expenditure (Developmental) incurred for the years 2015 – 2018

No.	Line Item/Chart of Account	Actual Expenditure			
		2018	2017	2016	2015
1	Building	236,759,065	181,854,027	180,983,928	74,818,006
2	Furniture & Equipment	62,515,123	52,666,023	43,135,539	12,231,703
3	Land & Water Transport	11,101,798	14,279,562	1,592,606	0
	Total	310,375,986	248,799,612	225,712,073	87,049,709

Bar Chart Showing Comparison of Actual Capital Expenditure (Developmental) incurred for the years 2015 – 2018 (G\$000)



Summary For 2018

Receipts

Budget 2018 310,376,000

Payments

Buildings	236,759,065	
Furniture & Equipment	62,515,123	
Land & Water Transport	<u>11,101,798</u>	<u>(310,375,986)</u>

Balance returned to consolidated fund on line item 7011 14

Buildings

The amount of two hundred and thirty-six million, seven hundred and fifty-nine thousand and sixty-five dollars (\$236,759,065) was expended on Buildings. The following are major works (projects) that were continued and new projects undertaken in 2018:

3. Construction of Diamond Grove Magistrate's Court Region # 4
4. Rehabilitation of North South Wing of the High Court Georgetown Region No. 4
5. Construction of Guard Hut, Stairs, Shed, Walkway & Installation of AC at Suddie High Court, Region No. 2
6. Heightening of Driveway & Reconstruction of Fence at New Amsterdam High Court Region No. 6

Roll-over projects for 2018

1. Construction of the Georgetown Land Court, Region No. 4
2. Construction of Judges' Living Quarters at Suddie, Region No. 2

New Projects 2018

1. Conversion of Marshal Room to a Storeroom on the West Wing of the G/Town Supreme Court Region 4

2. Construction of Timber Floor, Partition Wall, Shelves etc at G/Town Judicial Registry Reg. 4
3. Construction of Bartica Magistrate's Court & Living Quarters, Reg. No. 7
4. Construction of Mahdia Magistrate's Court & Living Quarters, Reg. No. 8
5. Retrofitting of an old building to a Magistrate's Court & Quarters at Kwakwani, Region No. 10
6. Construction of Fountain at the Georgetown Supreme Court, Region No. 4
7. Installation of Wheelchair Lift and Connection of Standby Generator at the Georgetown Land Court, Region No. 4

Furniture & Equipment

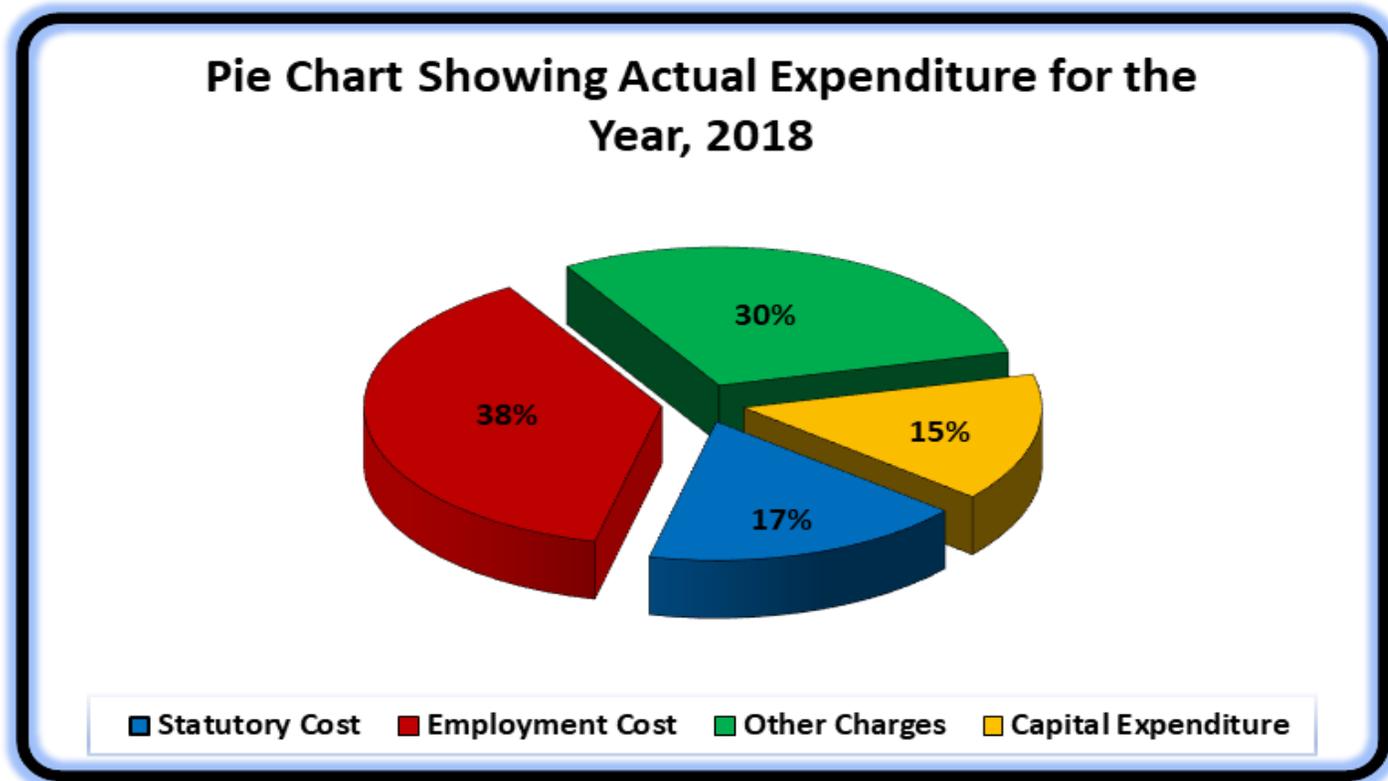
The amount of sixty-two million, five hundred and fifteen thousand one hundred and twenty-three dollars (\$62,515,123) was expended on the purchasing of office furniture and equipment for the various sections and Magisterial Districts within the Supreme Court to provide the staff of the Judiciary with adequate furniture and equipment so that improved office accommodation and operational efficiency can be achieved in a more comfortable and conducive working environment. The increased sum

was due to furnishing of the Lethem Magisterial District Office and other courts within its jurisdiction in February, 2018, the Children's Court in October, 2018, setting up of the Magistrate's and Judges' Common room, providing book shelves for the various libraries at the Magistrates' and High Courts', cubicles for the registries and biometric time keeping systems at nine (9) locations.

Land & Water Transport

The amount of eleven million, one hundred and one thousand, seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars (\$11,101,798) was expended for the purchasing of one (1) new Toyota Land Cruiser Double Cab registration number PWW 9907 from our capital budget 2018. At the time of budget submission for 2018 no proposal was made for the purchase of motor vehicles however, upon the opening of the Rupununi Magisterial District on the 2nd February, 2018 the Hon. Chancellor (ag) has instructed that we should equipped the district with a Land Cruiser suited to handle the rough and rugged terrains of Region 9. Efforts were made to source a vehicle with the specific requirement as advised by the Region Office but only Beharry Automotive Ltd had the exact vehicle and was available in stock to meet

the urgency since sitting of court at Annai, Aishalton and Karasabai were to commence on the 1st March, 2018.



Others Receipts – Deposit Fund

As at 1st January, 2018 the sum of four million five hundred and eleven thousand one hundred and twenty-seven dollars (G\$4,511,127) was rolled over on our deposit fund line item that was created by the Ministry of Finance to account for moneys donated by UNICEF for setting up of the Sexual Offences Court. These balances were used to facilitate related Sexual Offences seminar in the first half of 2018. The Supreme Court received two (2) additional donations from UNICEF on 29th May, 2018 and 10th October, 2018 in the sum of five million three hundred thousand dollars (G\$ 5,300,000) and three million two hundred and nineteen thousand seven hundred

and sixty-eight dollars (G\$3,219,768) respectively, totaling eight million five hundred and nineteen thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars (G\$8,519,768). These additional funds were used for training and for the purchasing of furniture and equipment for the setting up of the Children's Court which was declared opened on the 31st October, 2018. As at 31st December, 2018, the Supreme Court expended a total of thirteen million and thirty thousand eight hundred and ninety-five dollars (G\$13,030,895) leaving a NIL balance on the account.

REVENUE

The Supreme Court Registry is a revenue earner. The Registry earns

revenue in the form of fees which are required to be paid in accordance with the scales of fees contained in the Rules of Court for the performance of duties and execution of processes by officers of the court.

The Magistrates' Courts are also revenue earners. They collect revenues in the form of fees which are required to be paid in accordance with the scales of fees contained in the Rules of Court for the performance of duties and execution of processes by officers of the court.

The Magistrates' Courts also earn revenue from fines and costs imposed by Magistrates from the outcome of cases and in some cases where bail is escheated by the Magistrates.

Table III below show a comparison of actual revenue collected for the years 2015 - 2018.

Chart of Accounts	Revenue Name	Actual Revenue Collected			
		2018	2017	2016	2015
5326	Fees, Fines & Seizures	<u>253,945,145</u>	<u>270,167,910</u>	<u>169,602,604</u>	<u>209,729,100</u>
5327	State Cost	1,527,300	2,719,150	<u>4,197,011</u>	<u>2,853,244</u>
5419	Other Loans & Advance	34,353	25,244	<u>27,148</u>	<u>24,948</u>
5616	Sundries	856,462	395,413	<u>1,622,528</u>	<u>904,742</u>
5715	Sale of Asset	600,000	4,100,000	=	=
	Total	256,963,260	277,407,717	175,449,291	213,512,034

Bar Chart shows the comparison of actual revenue collected for the years 2015 - 2018 (G\$000).

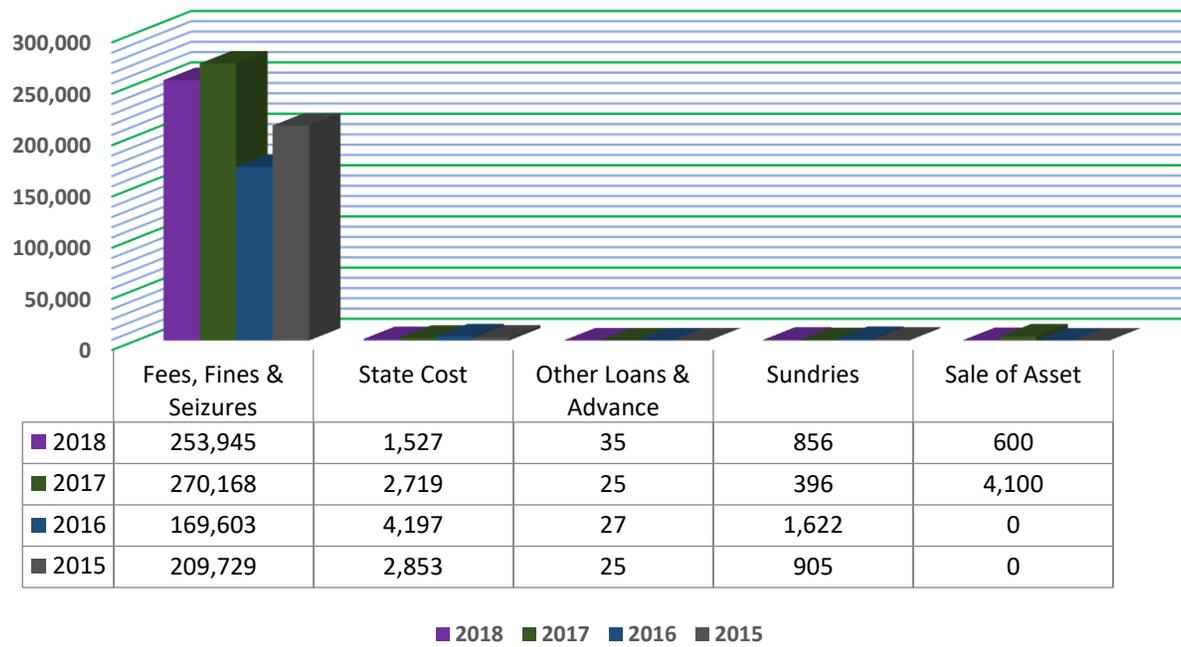


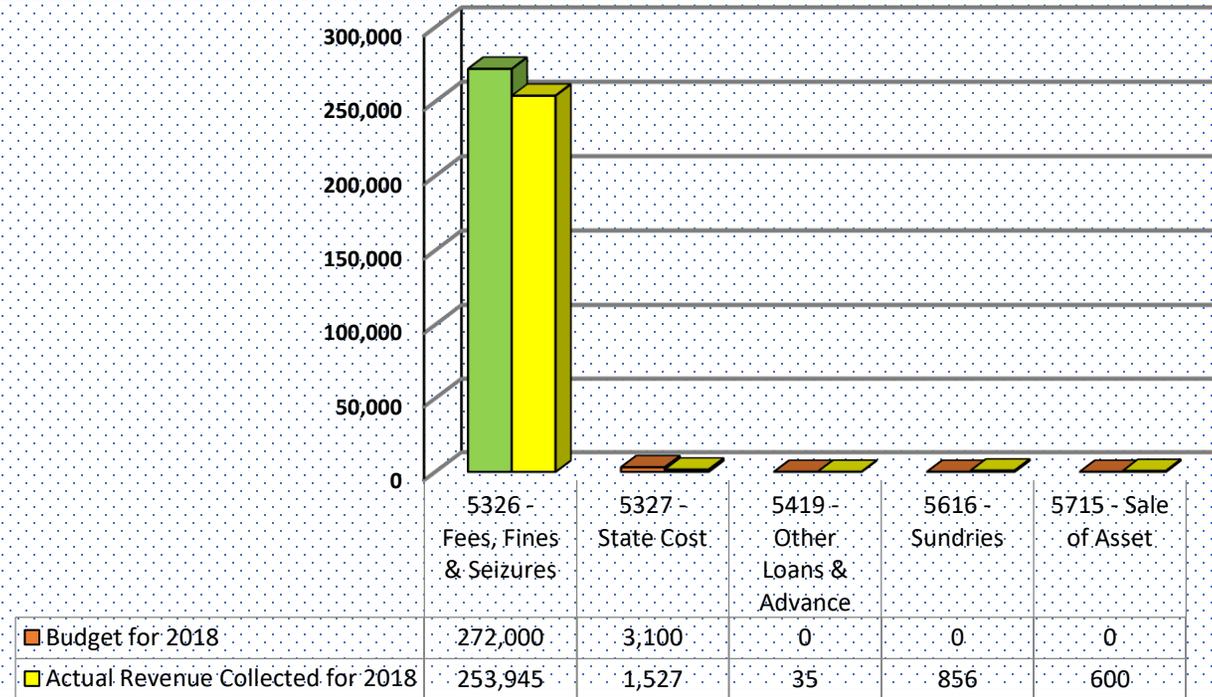
Table IV below shows actual revenue collected for the year 2018 as against budgeted amount.

Chart of Accounts	Revenue Name	Budget for 2018	Actual Revenue Collected for 2018	Variance
5326	Fees, Fines & Seizures	272,000,000	253,945,145	(18,054,855)
5327	State Cost	3,100,000	1,527,300	(1,572,700)
5419	Other Loans & Advance	-	34,353	34,353
5616	Sundries	-	856,462	856,462
5715	Sale of Asset	-	600,000	600,000
	Total	275,100,000	256,963,260	(18,136,740)

The Supreme Court had an overall shortfall in revenue by eighteen million one hundred and thirty-six thousand seven hundred and forty dollars (G\$18,136,740). This shortfall was attributed to the number of custodial sentences handed down by Magistrate's rather than monetary fines, less matters that outcomes resulted in the payment of a state

cost, reduction in traffic offences resulting in ticketed fines and overall the number of matters that were heard and concluded by Magistrate's across the nine (9) Magisterial Districts.

Chart Showing Actual Revenue Collected Against Budgeted For the Year, 2018 (G\$000)



■ Budget for 2018 ■ Actual Revenue Collected for 2018

THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS

MAGISTRATES OF GUYANA



Chief Magistrate Ann McLennan



**Principal Magistrate
Sherdel Isaacs-Marcus**



**Principal Magistrate
Allan Wilson**



**Principal Magistrate
Faith McGusty**



**Principal Magistrate
Judy Latchman**



**Senior Magistrate
Leron Daly**



**Senior Magistrate
Zamilla Ally-Seepaul**



**Senior Magistrate
Alex Moore**



Senior Magistrate Sunil Scarce



Senior Magistrate Clive Nurse



Magistrate FabayoAzore



Magistrate Dylan Bess



Magistrate Charlyn Artiga



Magistrate Alisha George



Magistrate Chrystel Lambert



Magistrate Rushell Liverpool



Magistrate Robindranauth Singh



Magistrate Marisa Mittleholtzer



Magistrate Renita Singh



Magistrate Rhondell Weaver



Magistrate Annette Singh



Magistrate Peter Hugh

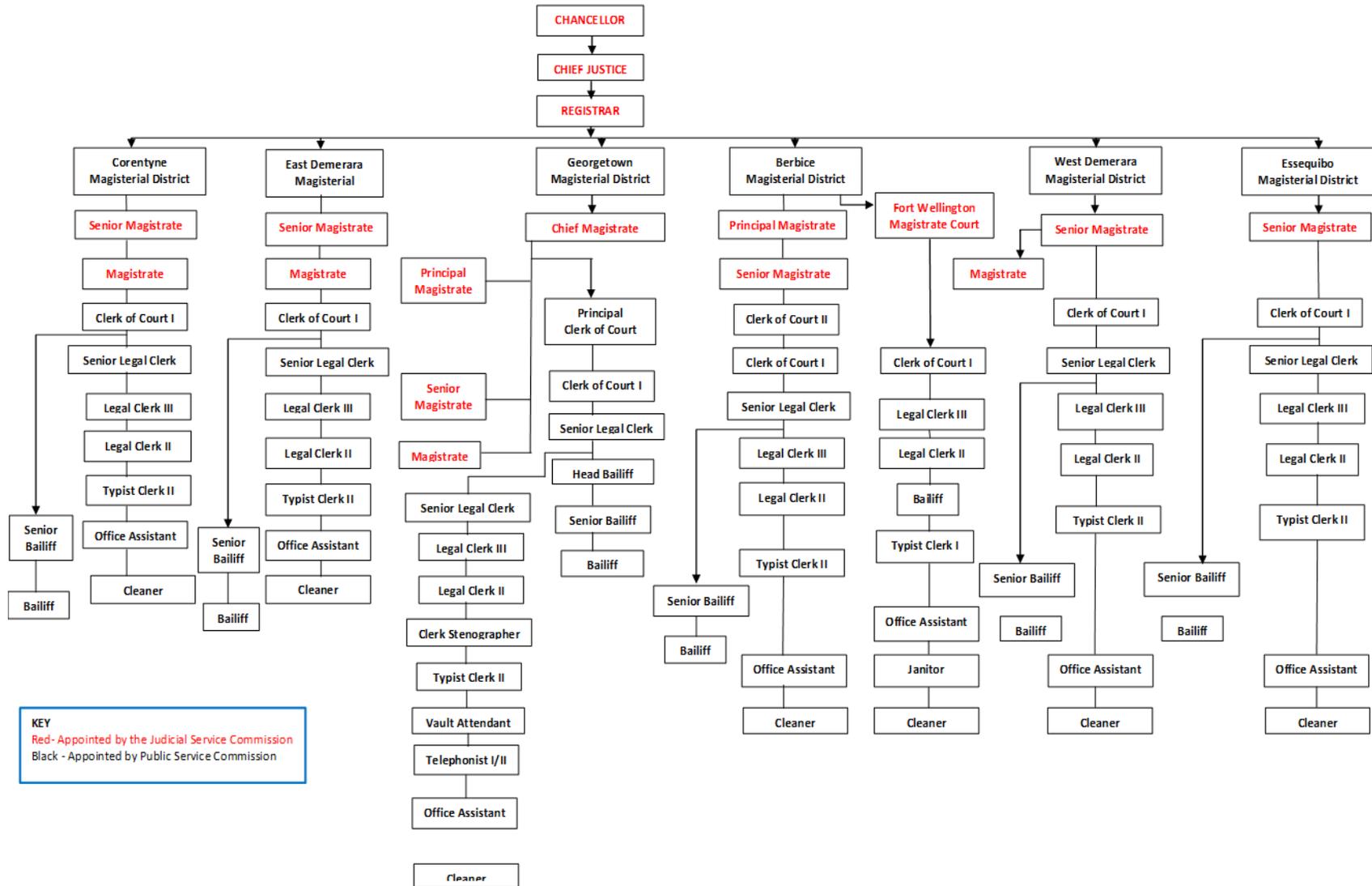


Magistrate Wanda Fortune



Magistrate Esther Sam

ORGANISATIONAL CHART -MAGISTRATE'S COURTS



GEORGETOWN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT



The Georgetown Magistrates' Court

INTRODUCTION

The Georgetown Magisterial District is recognized as District Number 1 (one) and consists of thirteen (13) Magistrate Courts with the North West Magisterial District falling under the Georgetown Magisterial District and its main office is located at Lot 1 Avenue of the Republic, Georgetown

This district is responsible for all Civil and Criminal matters filed for hearing by the presiding Magistrates. It is also responsible for safe custody of the records of all proceedings adjudicated over by the Magistrates, issuing certified copies of documents and/or information required by Attorneys-at-Law, Litigants and members of the public.

OVERVIEW

There are ten (10) Magistrate Courts within the Georgetown Magisterial District and three (3) in the North West Magisterial District which are:

1. Court 1
2. Court 2
3. Court 3
4. Court 5
5. Court 6
6. Court 7
7. Court 8&9
8. Court 10 & 11
9. Providence 1
10. Providence 2

NORTH WEST MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

1. Mabaruma
2. Acquero

3. Matthew's Ridge

These Courts are presided over by ten (10) full time Magistrates.

The statutory function of this District is confined to supporting the Courts by providing court related services to the members of the public.

During the year under review this department played a significant role in the administration of justice and revenue collection.

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Tables and Charts 1 and 2 show the status of matters filed and disposed during the year under review.

TABLE 1 - STATUS OF CRIMINAL CASES

Georgetown Magisterial District- Period	Summary	Indictable	Narcotics	Traffic	Preliminary Inquiry	Inquests	Trafficking in Persons
Pending 2017-12-31	1014	449	130	261	12	33	NIL
Filed Jan – Dec 2018	6362	1309	224	7971	111	22	18
Disposed Jan – Dec 2018	6777	857	238	6610	82	10	NIL
Pending 2018-12-31	599	901	116	1622	41	45	18

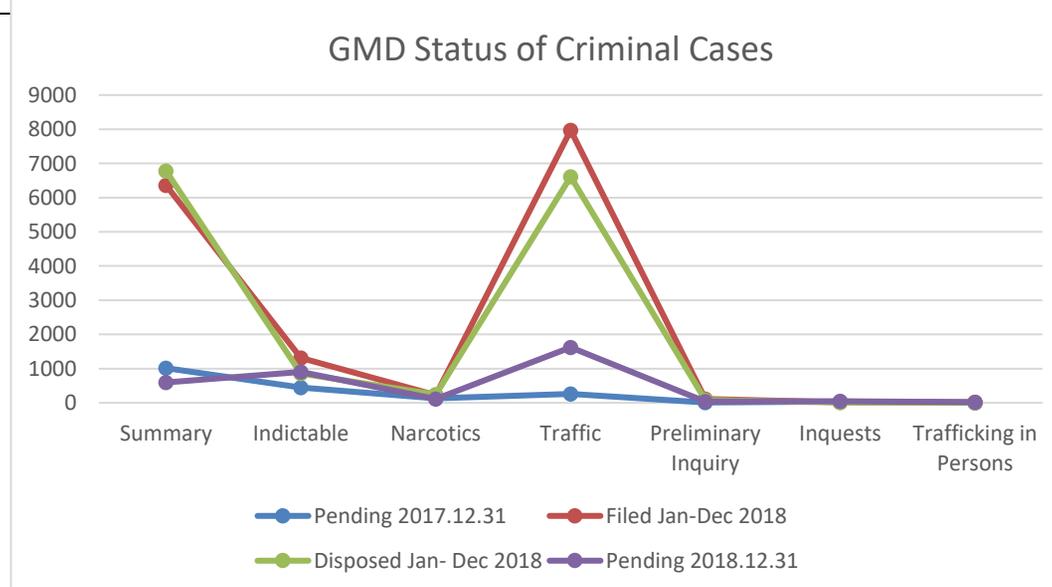
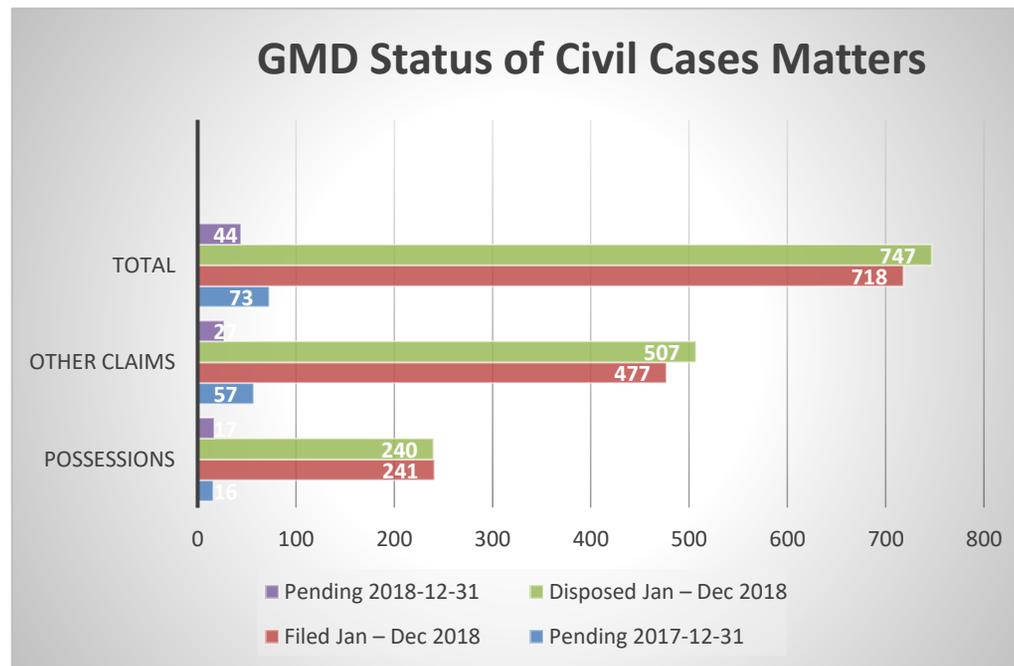


TABLE 2 – STATUS OF CIVIL CASES MATTERS

Georgetown Magisterial District- Period	Possession	Other Claims	Total
Pending 2017-12-31	16	57	73
Filed Jan – Dec 2018	241	477	718
Disposed Jan – Dec 2018	240	507	747
Pending 2018-12-31	17	27	44

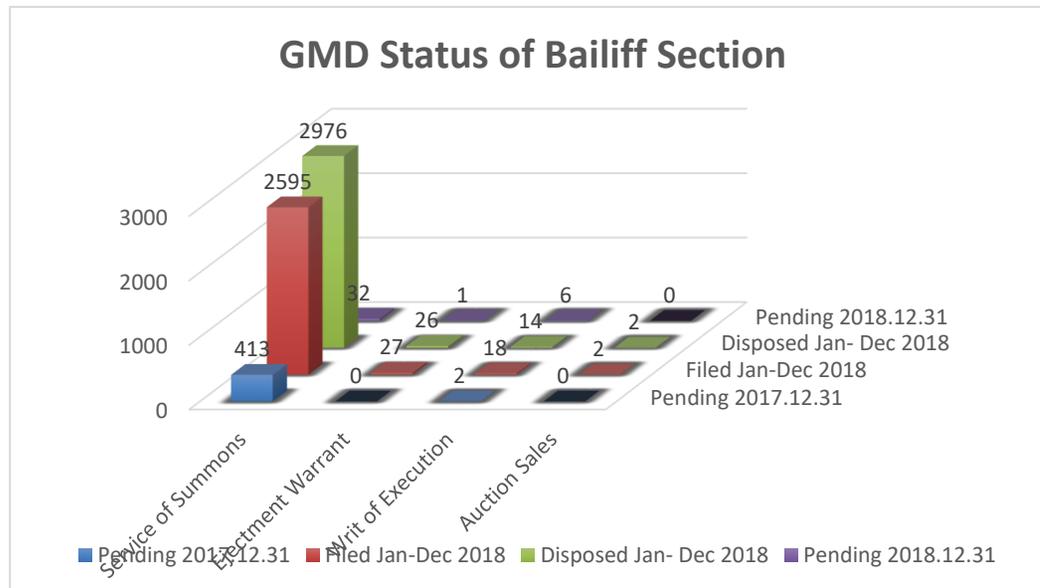


BAILIFF SECTION

The amount of matters filed and executed during the year under review in this section is shown on Table/Chart 3.

TABLE 3 – STATUS OF BAILIFF SECTION

Georgetown Magisterial District -Period	Service of Summons	Ejectment Warrant	Writ of Execution	Auction Sales
Pending 2017-12-31	413	NIL	2	NIL
Filed Jan – Dec 2018	2595	27	18	2
Disposed Jan – Dec 2018	2976	26	14	2
Pending 2018-12-31	32	1	6	NIL

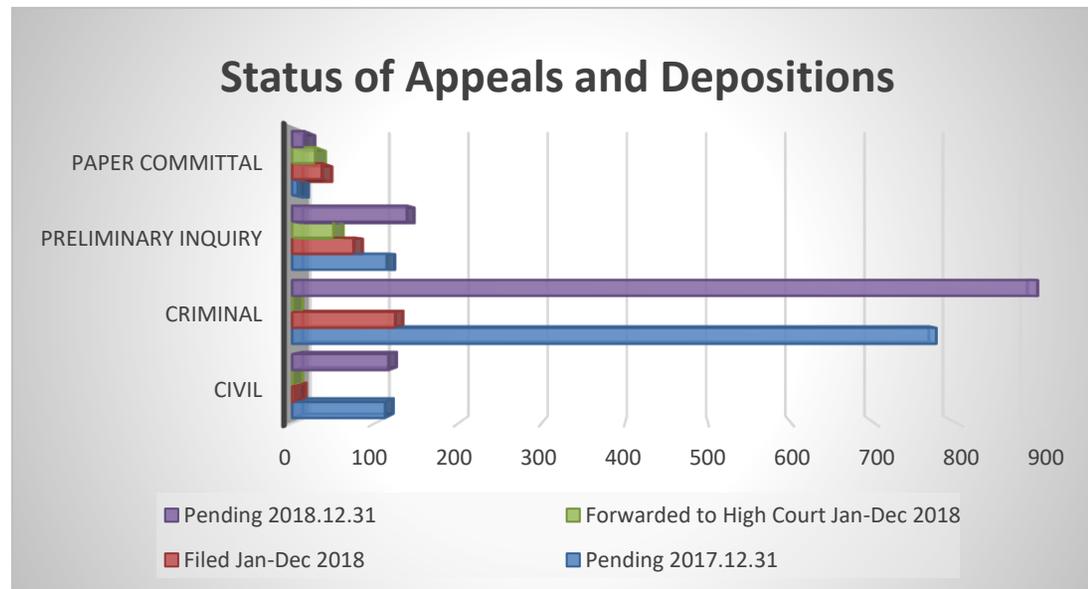


APPEALS AND DEPOSITIONS

Appeals and Depositions filed and sent to the High Court during the year under review are shown on Table/Chart4.

TABLE 4 – STATUS OF APPEALS AND DEPOSITIONS

Georgetown Magisterial District - Period	Civil	Criminal	Preliminary Inquiry	Paper Committal
Pending 2017-12-31	112	775	114	7
Filed Jan - Dec 2018	4	124	74	36
Forwarded to High Court Jan - Dec 2018	NIL	NIL	50	28
Pending 2018-12-31	116	899	138	15



REVENUE SECTION

This section is responsible for the collection of Fines and Bail imposed on Accused persons during their trial.

Table 5a shows amount of revenue collected for the year 2018.

Month	Fines	Fees	Commission on Bailiff sale	Costs	M&TC fines	Bail escheated
January	1,583,500	15,285	-	-	320,500	885,000
February	4,113,500	47,960	-	1,000	186,500	-
March	3,594,500	32,190	900	1,000	248,000	235,000
April	2,724,000	37,860	-	10,000	218,500	155,000
May	3,204,000	64,320	-	2,000	147,000	565,000
June	3,194,000	79,895	-	600	127,500	876,000
July	1,924,500	80,090	-	11,000	177,500	310,000
August	2,913,500	57,295	-	-	176,500	1,655,000
September	3,697,500	42,315	-	-	155,000	110,000
October	5,514,000	30,245	-	5,000	71,500	150,000

November	2,962,900	28,390	-	-	95,000	205,000
December	2,138,500	17,270	-	-	119,300	235,000
TOTAL	37,564,400	533,115	900	30,600	2,042,800	5,381,000

TABLE 5a – REVENUE FOR 2018

Table 5c shows that a total of **9,096** tickets were filed. Of this number **1,439** were paid, **7,583** were sent to Court and **7,858** were disposed leaving **1,352** pending.

TABLE 5c - TRAFFIC TICKETS

District	No. of Ticket Filed Jan-Dec., 18	Total No. of Ticket Paid Jan-Dec., 18 in Office	Amount of Money Collected in Office \$	No. of Ticket Sent to Court	Total No. of Ticket Disposed	Amount Paid in Court \$
Georgetown Magisterial District	8493	1490	10,102,000	6,871	5,364	NIL

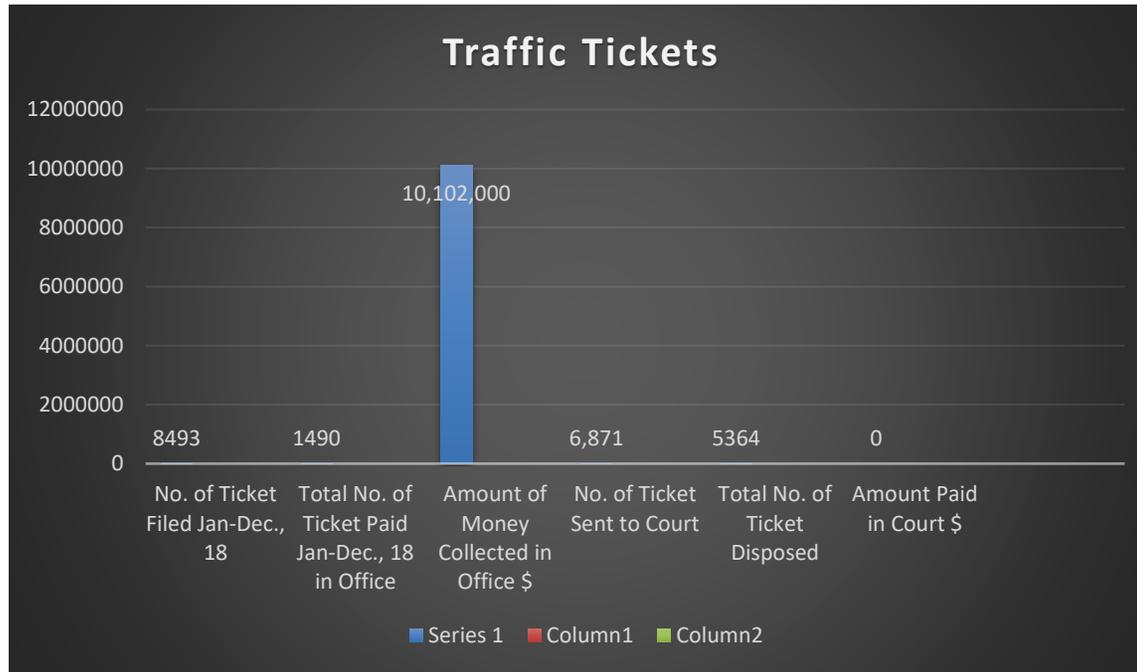


Table 6 shows the receipt and payment of bail for 2018.

TABLE 6 – SUITORS FOR 2018

Month	Receipt \$	Payment \$
January	18,884,675	17,995,425
February	20,188,850	23,352,100
March	21,162,700	18,176,950
April	12,981,875	15,170,625

May	31,288,190	17,396,440
June	19,053,825	20,270,075
July	10,657,422	11,595,410
August	20,910,300	22,558,050
September	13,427,800	14,767,300
October	14,801,100	14,177,550
November	14,673,000	15,458,500
December	14,099,150	14,631,100
TOTAL	212,128,887	205,549,525

COLLECTING OFFICE

During the year 2018, 47 (forty- seven) Maintenance and 300 (three hundred) Affiliation Orders were made by the Court and 59 (fifty-nine) Orders were discharged.

Tables **7a** and **7b** show the status of claims, warrants issued and executed, and the amount of monies received and paid during the year.

TABLE 7a – STATUS OF CLAIMS AND WARRANTS FOR 2018

Georgetown Magisterial District - Period	Maintenance				
	Claims	Liability	Warrants		
			Distress	Arrest	Commitment
Pending 2017-12-31	39	57	32	3	NIL
Filed Jan – Dec 2018	1477	627	250	83	17
Disposed Jan – Dec 2018	1387	575	216	81	17
Pending 2018-12-31	129	109	66	5	NIL

TABLE 7b – RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR 2018

Month	Receipt \$	Payment \$
January	20,643,878	20,495,949
February	15,180,441	15,795,541
March	17,327,326	17,380,076

April	20,706,580	19,745,180
May	18,286,220	17,693,720
June	18,351,390	17,469,790
July	18,233,107	18,330,659
August	18,743,980	20,107,880
September	15,539,044	14,832,642
October	21,617,980	20,725,880
November	18,185,532	17,057,442
December	19,213,230	20,523,930
TOTAL	220,028,708	220,158,689

WEST BERBICE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT



Fort Wellington Magistrate's Court



Blairmont Magistrate Court



Weldaad Magistrate's Court

INTRODUCTION

The West Berbice Magisterial District is recognized as District Number nine (9) and consists of three (3) Magistrates Court with its main office located at Fort Wellington on the West Coast of Berbice.

The three (3) Magistrates' Courts within the West Berbice Magisterial District are:

1. Weldaad Magistrate's Court
2. Fort Wellington Magistrate's Court
3. Blairmont Magistrate's Court

These Courts are presided over by one (1) full time Magistrate.

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Tables/Charts 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 2a, and 2b show the status of matters filed and disposed during the year under review

TABLE/CHART 1a – STATUS OF CRIMINAL CASES

West Berbice Magisterial District - Period	Summa ry	Indicta ble	Narcot ics	Traffi c	Prelimin ary Inquirie s	Paper Com mittal	Inques t	Trafficki ng in Persons	Total
Pending 2017	60	36	21	36	11	1	1	-	166
Filed 2018	617	108	30	623	9	5	2	-	1394
Disposed 2018	595	104	40	635	20	5	3	-	1402
Pending	82	40	11	24	-	1	-	-	158

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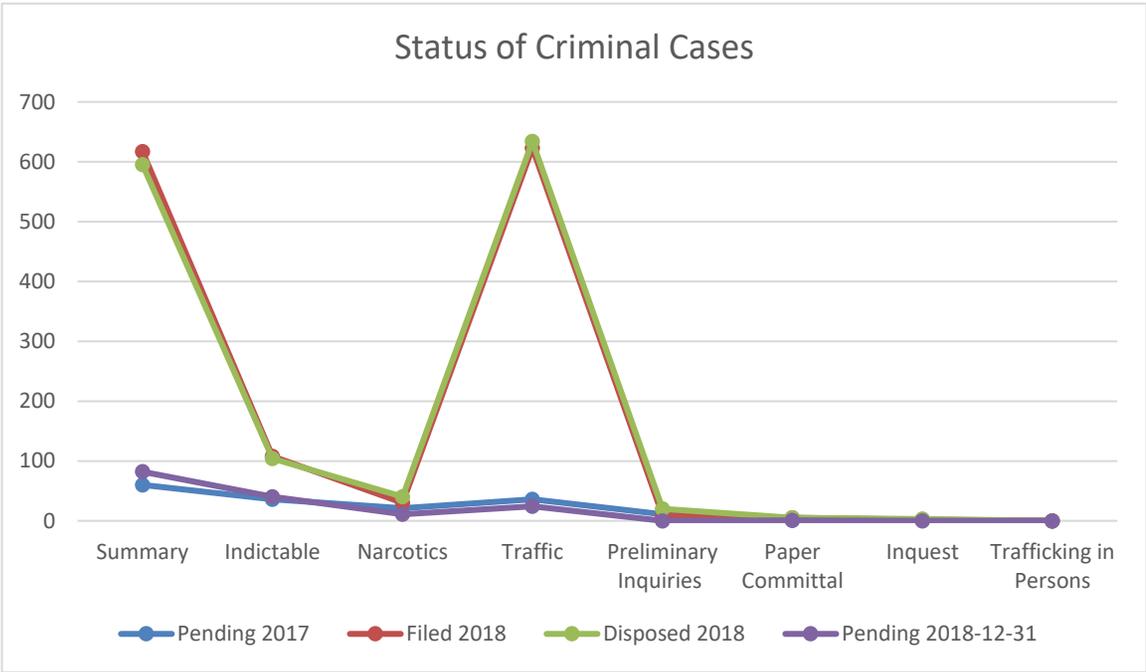
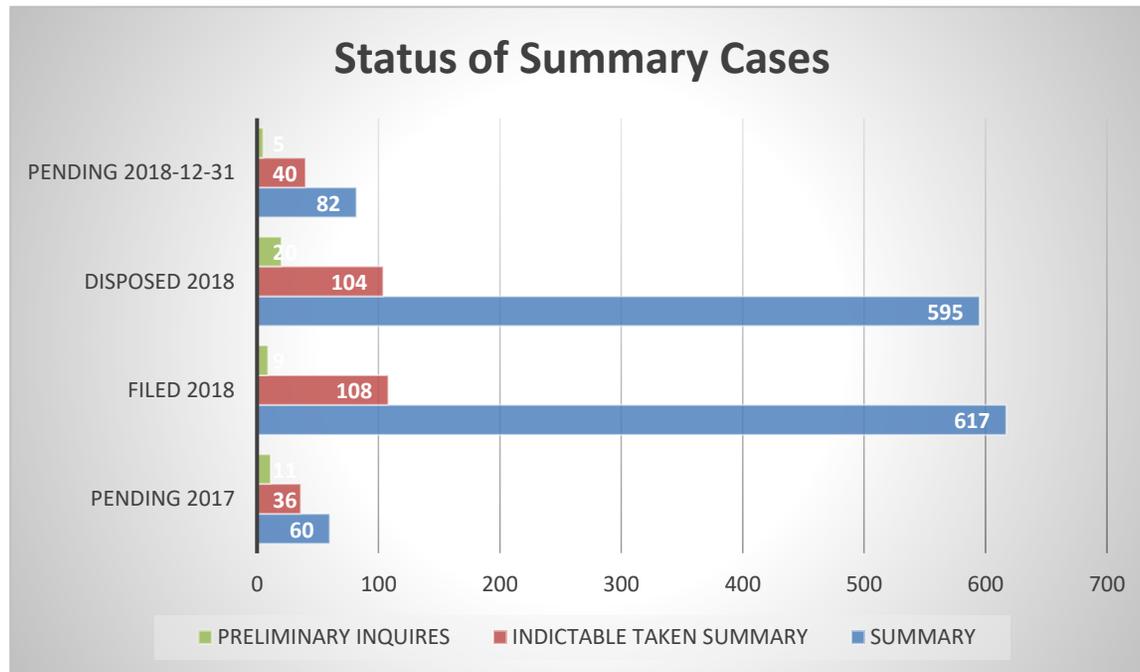


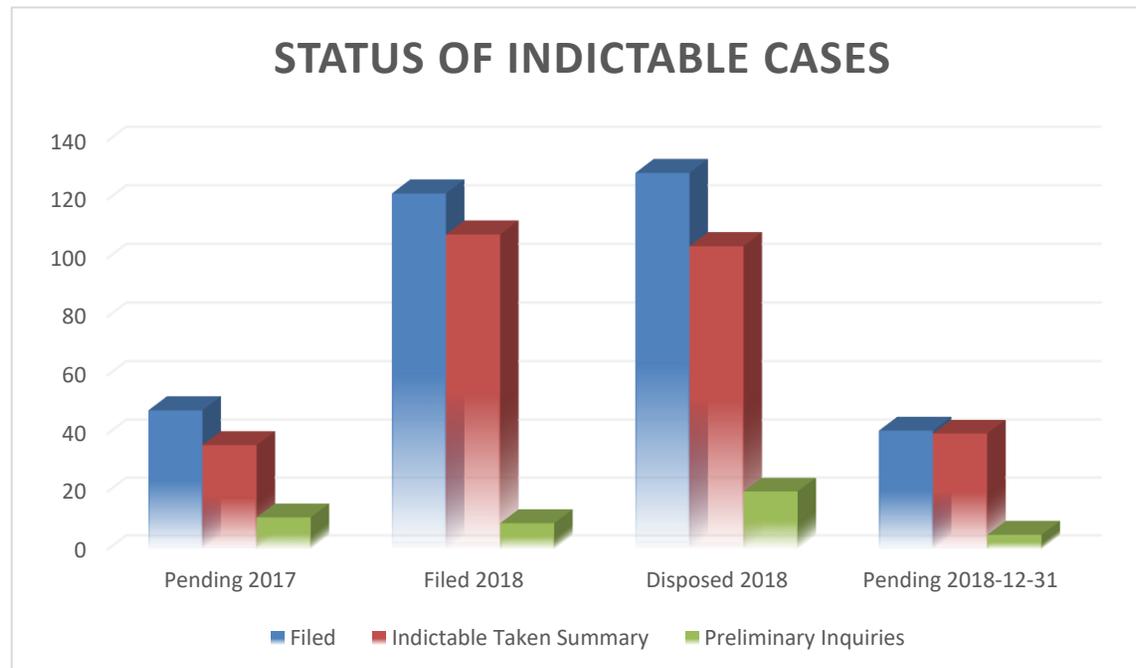
TABLE 1b – STATUS OF SUMMARY CASES

West Berbice Magisterial District- Period	Summary	Indictable Taken Summary	Preliminary Inquires	Total
Pending 2017	60	36	11	107
Filed 2018	617	108	9	734
Disposed 2018	595	104	20	719
Pending 2018-12-31	82	40	-	122



TABLE/ CHART 1c – STATUS OF INDICTABLE CASES

West Berbice Magisterial District- Period	Filed	Indictable Taken Summary	Preliminary Inquiries
Pending 2017	48	36	11
Filed 2018	122	108	9
Disposed 2018	129	104	20
Pending 2018-12-31	41	40	-



TABLE/CHART 1d DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

West Berbice Magisterial District- Period	Total
Pending 2017	1
Filed 2018	129
Disposed 2018	127
Pending 2018-12-31	3

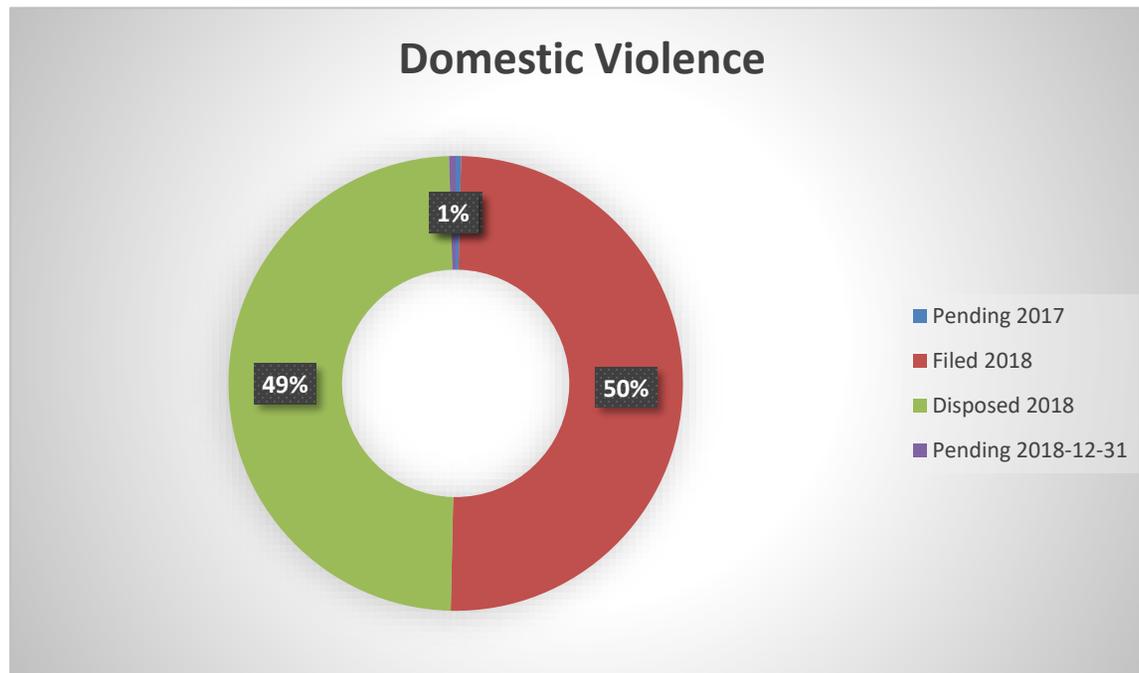


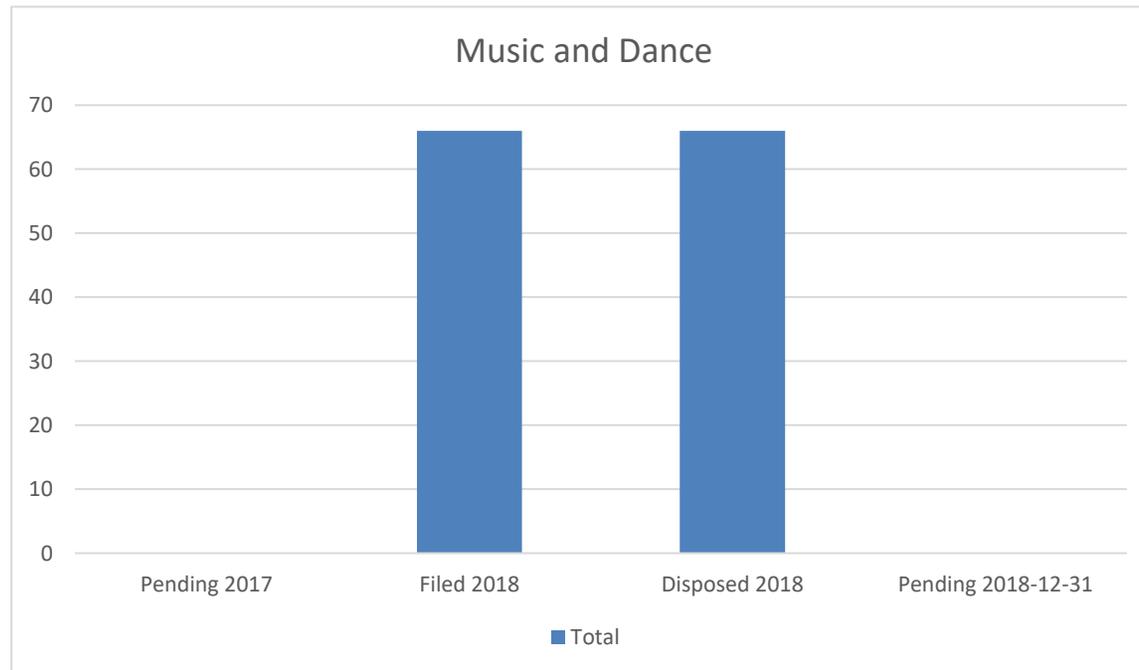


TABLE 1e TRAFFICKING IN PERSON

West Berbice Magisterial District- Period	Total
Pending 2017	-
Filed 2018	-
Disposed 2018	-
Pending 2018-12-31	-

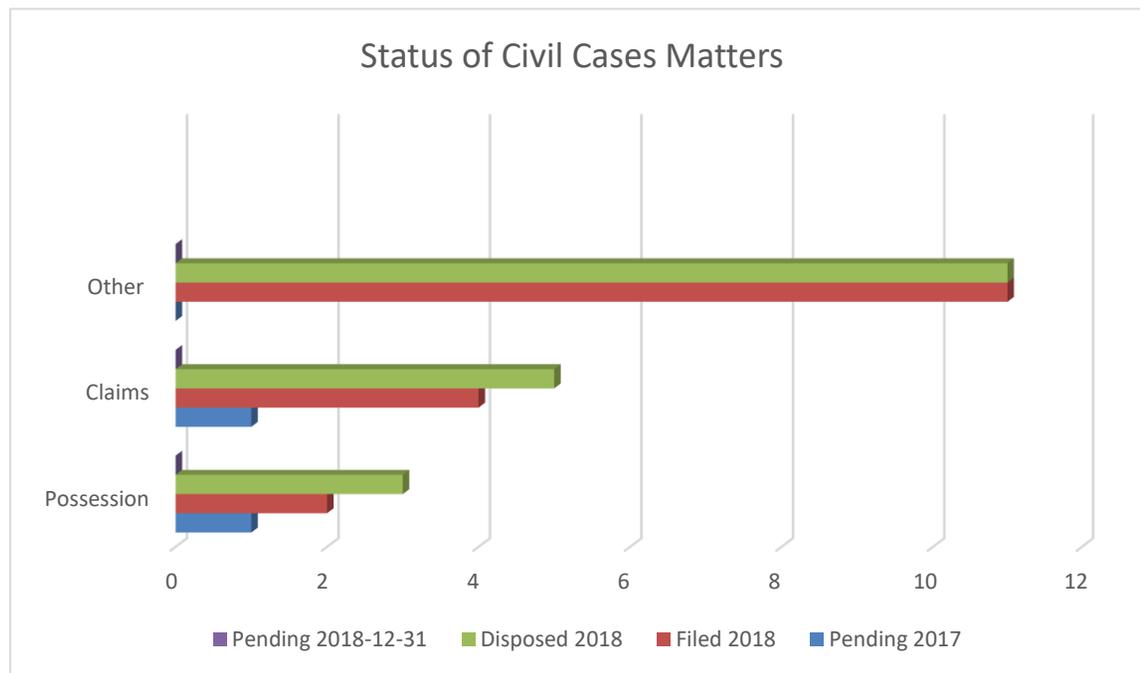
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West Berbice Magisterial District- Period	Total
Pending 2017	-
Filed 2018	66
Disposed 2018	66
Pending 2018-12-31	-



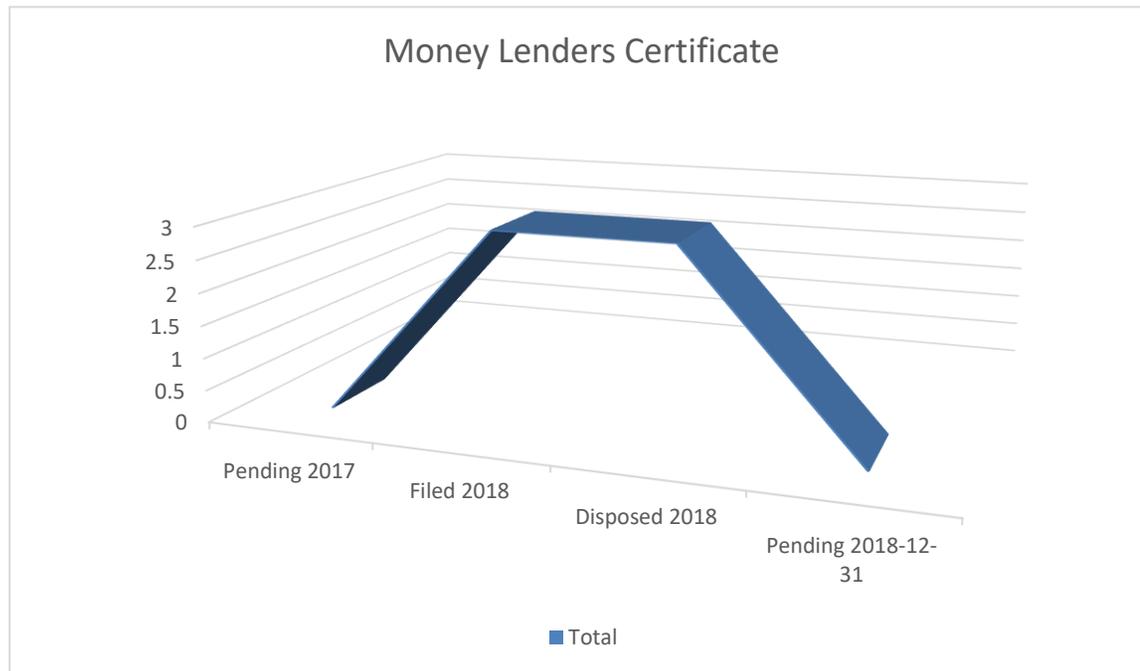
TABLE/CHART 2a – STATUS OF CIVIL CASES MATTERS

West Berbice Magisterial District – Period	Possession	Claims	Other Claims	Total
Pending 2017	1	1	-	2
Filed 2018	2	4	11	17
Disposed 2018	3	5	11	19
Pending 2018-12-31	-	-	-	-



TABLE/CHART 2b MONEY LENDERS CERTIFICATE

West Berbice Magisterial District- Period	TOTAL
Pending 2017	-
Filed 2018	3
Disposed 2018	3
Pending 2018-12-31	-



BAILIFF SECTION

This section is responsible for the serving of summonses in Criminal and Civil matters, executing levies and ejectment warrants.

The amount of matters filed and executed during the year under review in this section is shown on table 3.

TABLE 3 – STATUS OF BAILIFF SECTION

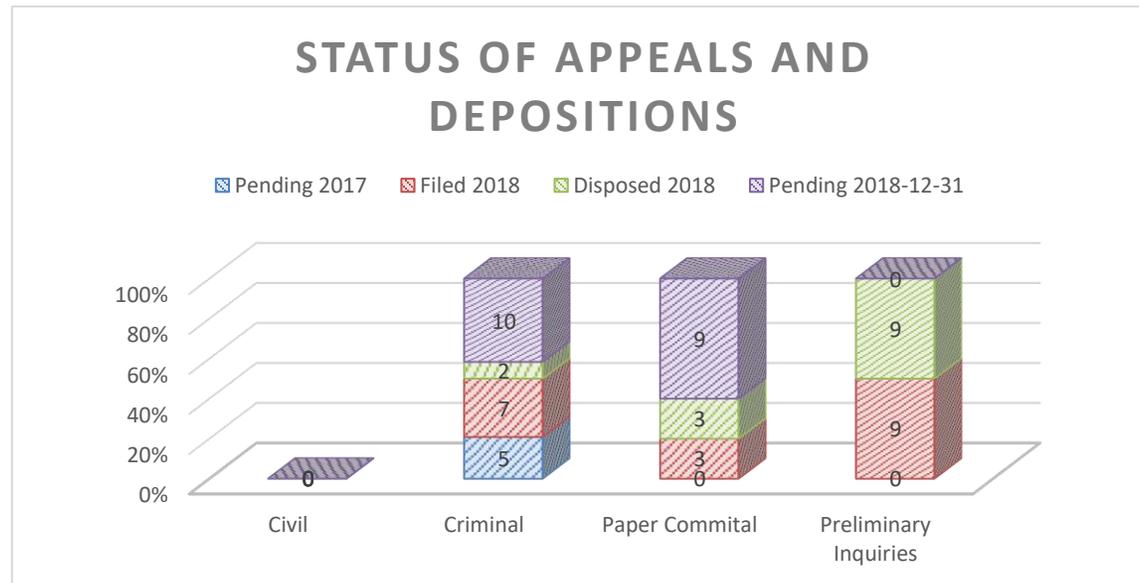
West Berbice Magisterial District- Period	Service of Summons	Ejectment Warrant	Writ of Execution	Auction Sales
Pending 2017	9	1	14	1
Filed 2018	420	-	1	-
Disposed 2018	426	-	1	-
Pending 2018-12-31	3	1	14	1

APPEALS AND DEPOSITIONS

Appeals and Depositions filed and sent to the High Court during the year under review are shown on table 4.

TABLE 4 – STATUS OF APPEALS AND DEPOSITIONS

West Berbice Magisterial District- Period	Civil	Criminal	Paper Committal	Preliminary Inquiries
Pending 2017	-	5	-	-
Filed 2018	-	7	3	9
Disposed 2018	-	2	3	9
Pending 2018-12-31	-	10	-	-



REVENUE SECTION

This section is responsible for the collection of Fines and Bail imposed on Accused persons during their trial.

Table 5a shows amount of revenue collected for the year 2016, While 5b shows revenue as per court for 2018

TABLE 5a – REVENUE FOR 2018

Month	Fines	Fees	Costs	Bail Escheated
	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	1,492,000	15,350	3,500	-
February	1,248,500	8,900	5,500	-
March	917,500	13,825	-	-
April	1,225,500	17,200	12,000	-
May	1,058,000	12,100	-	-
June	927,500	25,565	4,000	-
July	942,000	42,915	1,000	-
August	848,000	35,125	-	-
September	692,500	10,425	2,500	-
October	839,000	25,050	-	130,000
November	299,500	21,650	-	-
December	230,500	37,250	-	-
TOTAL	10,720,500	265,355	28,500	130,000

TABLE 5b – REVENUE AS PER COURT FOR 2018

Month	Blairmont	Fort Wellington	Weldaad	Office
	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	382,500	137,500	17,500	973,350
February	320,000	156,500	135,000	651,400
March	130,000	127,500	37,500	636,325
April	308,000	55,000	43,675	848,025
May	235,000	285,000	-	580,040
June	80,000	50,000	32,500	794,565
July	135,000	205,000	-	645,915
August	92,500	187,500	40,000	563,125
September	165,000	50,000	135,000	476,925
October	205,000	65,000	27,500	696,550
November	22,500	10,000	-	288,650
December	14,000	20,000	60,000	173,750
TOTAL	2,089,500	1,319,000	407,175	7,328,620

Table/Chart 5c shows that a total of 1972 tickets were filed; of this number 450 were paid, 1428 were sent to Court and 1475 were disposed leaving 27 pending.

TABLE 5c – TRAFFIC TICKETS

District	No. of Ticket	Total No. of Ticket	Amount of Money	No. of Ticket	Total No. of Ticket	Amount Paid in

	Filed Jan- Dec 2018	Paid Jan-Dec 2018 in Office	Collected in Office \$	Sent to Court	Disposed	Court \$
West Berbice Magisterial District	1972	450	\$2,692,500	1428	1475	\$172,500

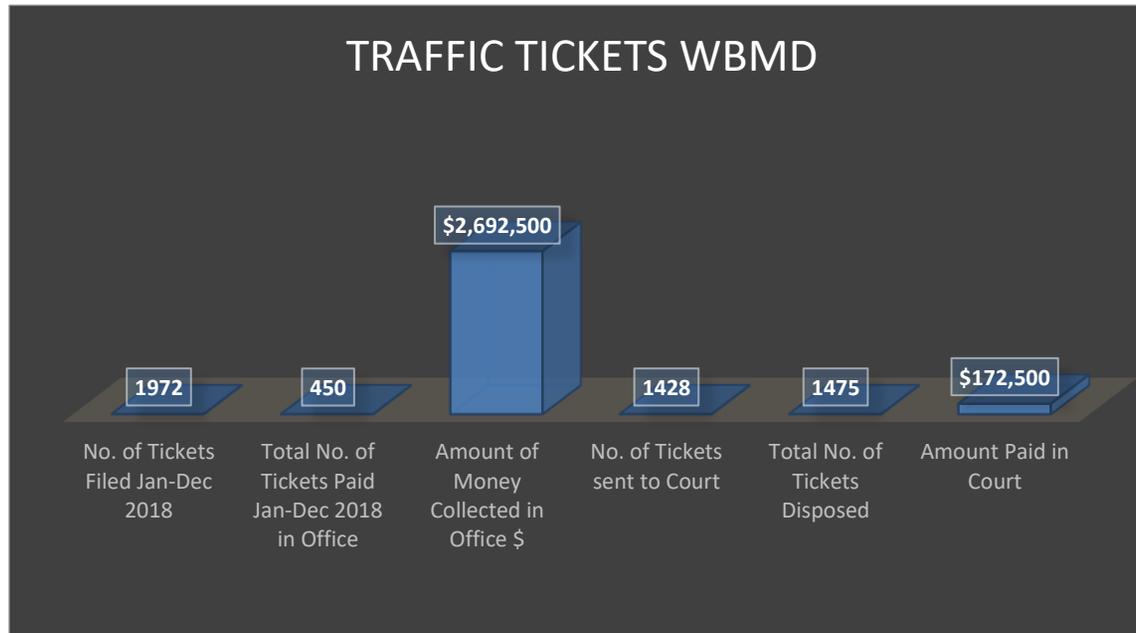


Table 6 shows the receipt and payment of bail for 2018

TABLE 6 – SUITORS FOR 2018

Month	Receipt	Payment
January	1,474,000	1,575,000
February	1,892,000	2,002,000
March	1,539,750	2,903,750
April	786,00	2,231,000
May	1,685,250	1,797,000
June	2,416,500	2,780,000
July	2,386,250	1,115,000
August	1,580,750	4,009,000
September	970,250	1,097,000
October	1,555,300	1,705,000
November	1,009,000	1,234,300
December	672,500	730,000
TOTAL	17,967,550	23,179,850

COLLECTING OFFICE

During the year 2018, 8 (eight) Maintenance and 75 (seventy- five) Affiliation Orders were made by the Court and 12 (twelve) Orders were discharged.

Tables 7a and 7b show the status of claims, warrants issued and executed, and the amount of monies received and paid during the year.

**TABLE 7a – STATUS OF CLAIMS
AND WARRANTS FOR 2018**

West Berbice Magisterial District- Period	Maintenance				
	Claims	Liability Order	WARRANTS		
			Distress	Arrest	Commitment
Pending 2017	8	171	17	133	-
Filed 2018	192	76	217	55	5
Disposed 2018	184	78	215	30	5
Pending 2018-12-31	16	169	19	158	-

TABLE 7b – RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR 2018

Month	Receipt	Payment
January	2,692,900	3,063,200
February	3,030,200	3,119,200

March	4,043,229	4,091,400
April	2,696,300	2,649,600
May	2,864,100	2,369,000
June	2,754,700	3,390,200
July	3,791,200	3,333,600
August	3,752,400	3,595,700
September	2,700,350	2,439,900
October	3,578,300	3,790,200
November	3,998,500	4,101,300
December	3,208,400	3,384,900
TOTAL	39,110,579	38,528,200

West Demerara Magisterial District



Leonora Magistrate Court



Wales Magistrate Court



Vreed-en-Hoop Magistrate Court

INTRODUCTION

This Magisterial District has Four (4) Magistrate Courts:

1. Vreed-en-Hoop
2. Leonora
3. Parika
4. Wales

Three (3) of the above-mentioned magistrates court are operational with the exception of Parika.

The Leonora Magistrates court is housed next to the Leonora Police Station while the Wales Magistrates Court is situated on the western side of the Wales Police Station. There are two magistrates assigned to this district.

The Statutory Court days are:

STATUTORY DAYS	COURT
Monday	Vreed-en-Hoop, Leonora
Tuesday	Leonora, Vreed-en-Hoop
Thursday	Wales
Friday	Leonora

FINES, FEES, COST AND BAIL ESCHEATED

<i>Month</i>	<i>Fines</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Bail Escheated</i>
January	\$948,000.00	\$12,225.00	--	\$125,000.00
February	\$1,024,00.00	\$12,600.00	--	\$240,000.00
March	\$1,320,000.00	\$17,750.00	--	\$32,500.00
April	\$1,060,500.00	\$10,675.00	--	\$230,000.00
May	\$1,245,500.00	\$18,175.00	--	\$185,000.00
June	\$1,400,000.00	\$15,275.00	--	---
July	\$1,235,000.00	\$44,050.00	--	—
August	\$1,763,500.00	\$60,525.00	--	\$10,000.00
September	\$1,760,500.00	\$26,175.00	--	--
October	\$1,495,250.00	\$45,700.00	--	\$160,000.00
November	\$1,476,500.00	\$27,255.00	--	\$110,000.00
December	\$656,500.00	\$22,525.00	--	--
Total	\$14,463,650.00	\$312,930.00	--	\$1,092,500.00

THE SUITORS ACCOUNT

Fines, Fees, Costs and forfeited bail collected at the Vreed-en-Hoop Magistrate's Court for the period of January – December 2018.

Suitors

Month	Amount Collected
January	\$2,485,800
February	\$3,866,100
March	\$6,011,760
April	\$4,588,575
May	\$3,938,000
June	\$3,586,250
July	\$5,115,250
August	\$6,105,000
September	\$9,285,750
October	\$8,230,550
November	\$3,942,300
December	\$4,461,150
Total	\$61,616,485.00

COLLECTING OFFICE

Table 1a showing data from Collecting Office

Month	Amount Collected Cash	Cheque
January	\$7,907,850	\$499,500
February	\$7,727,850	\$1,089,000
March	\$8,517,850	-
April	\$8,882,100	-
May	\$9,314,400	-
June	\$8,138,400	-
July	\$9,343,550	-
August	\$10,789,400	-
September	\$7,907,100	-
October	\$9,312,900	\$533,000
November	\$ 8,827,000	\$618,000
December	\$10,452,700	805,000
Total	\$107,121,100	\$4,230,500
Grand Total		\$111,351,600

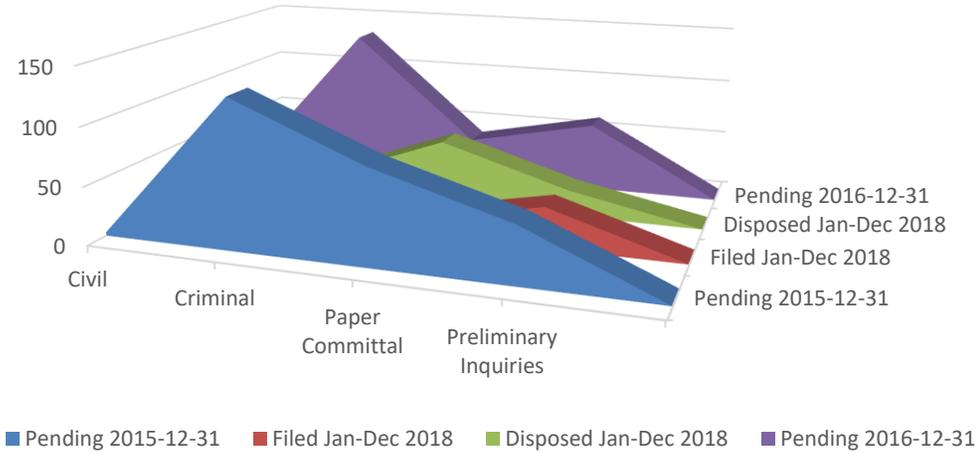
Table 1b showing maintenance over the 2018 period

West Demerara		Maintenance			
Magisterial District – Period	Affiliation	Liability	Warrants		
			Distress	Arrest	Commitment
Pending 2017-12-31	76	101	5	2	-
Filed Jan – Dec 2018	292	312	50	20	3
Disposed Jan – Dec 2018	330	373	53	17	3
Pending 2018-12-31	38	40	2	5	-

APPEALS AND DEPOSITIONS

West Demerara Magisterial District –Period	Civil	Criminal	Paper Committal	Preliminary Inquires
Pending 2015-12-31	3	128	82	49
Filed Jan – Dec 2018	-	18	12	35
Disposed Jan – Dec 2018	-	14	57	23
Pending 2016-12-31	3	132	37	61

Appeals and Deposition



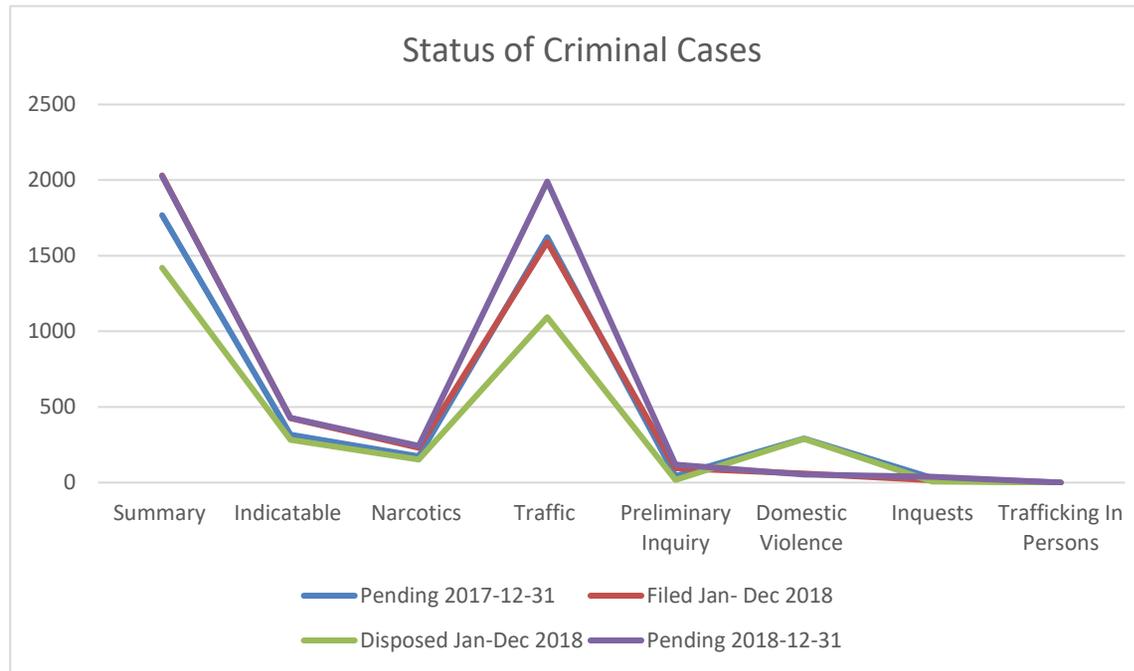
JUDICIAL SECTION

CRIMINAL CASES

During the year 2018 a total number of six thousand, five hundred and thirty- one (4,446) criminal cases were filed.

Status of Criminal Cases

West Demerara Magisterial District- Period	Summar y	Indictabl e	Narcot ics	Traffi c	Prelimi nary Inquiry	Domes tic Violen ce	Inquest s	Trafficki ng in persons	Total
Pending 2017- 12-31	1768	317	174	1623	42	292	30	-	4246
Filed Jan – Dec 2018	2031	425	230	1590	95	60	15	-	4446
Disposed Jan – Dec 2018	1420	282	152	1094	18	289	6	-	3261
Pending 2018- 12-31	2026	428	243	1919	119	54	39	-	4828



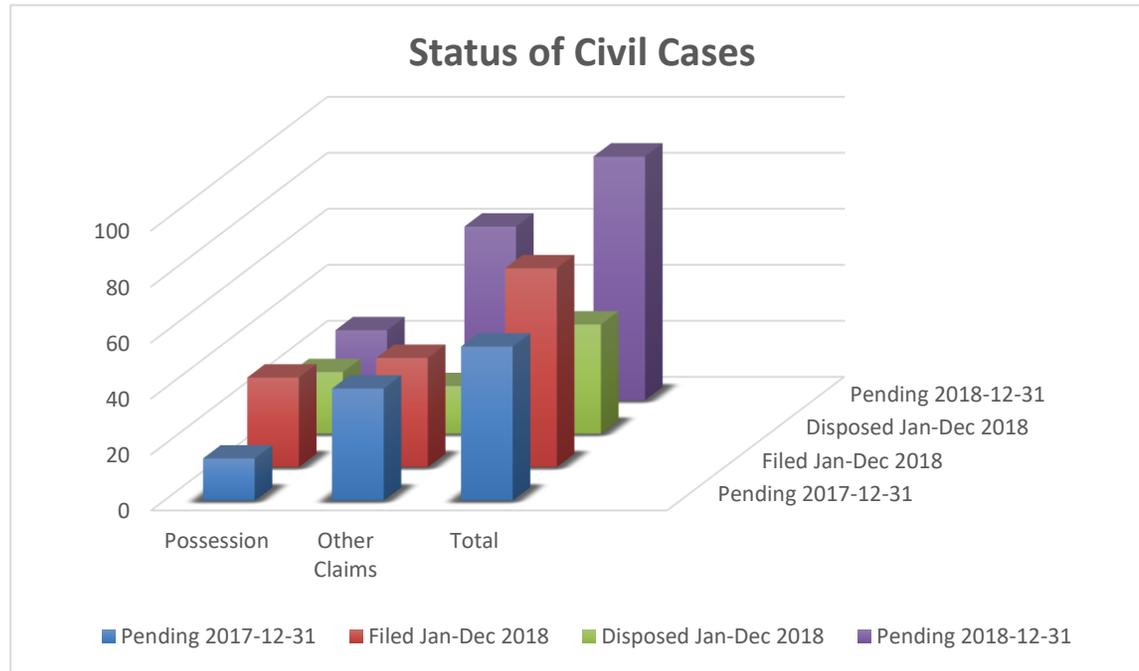
CIVIL CASES

The table and Chart below reflected thirty- two (32) possession cases filed and thirty- nine (39) other claims were filed.

STATUS OF CIVIL CASES

West Demerara Magisterial District- Period	Possession	Other Claims	Total
Pending 2017-12-31	15	40	55
Filed Jan – Dec 2018	32	39	71
Disposed Jan – Dec 2018	22	17	39

Pending 2018-12-31	25	62	87
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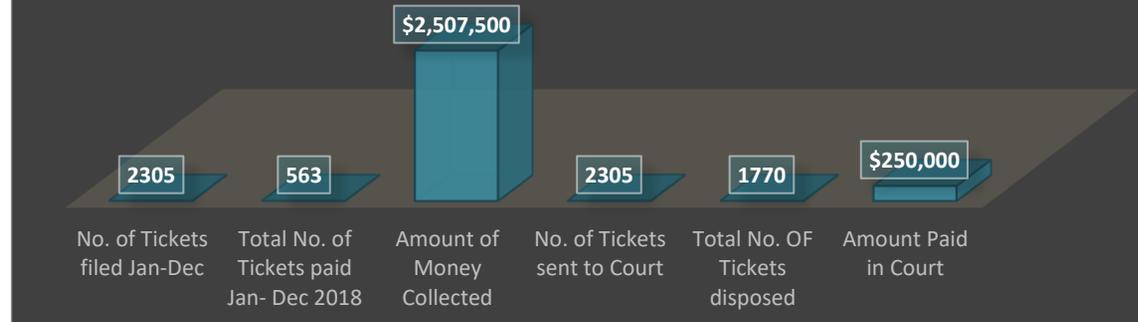
BAILIFF SECTION

Period	Service of Summons	Ejectment warrant	Writ of Execution	Auction Sales
Pending 2017-12-31	54	-	-	1
Filed Jan – Dec 2016	72	-	-	1
Disposed Jan – Dec 2016	121	-	-	-
Pending 2016-12-31	5	-	-	2

TRAFFIC TICKETS

No. of Tickets filed Jan – Dec 2018	Total No. of Tickets paid Jan – Dec 2018	Amount of money collected \$	No. of Tickets sent to court	Total No. of Tickets disposed	Amount paid in Court
2305	563	\$2,507,500	2305	1770	\$250,000

TRAFFIC TICKETS



Corentyne Magisterial District



Whim Magistrate's Court



Mibicuri Magistrate's Court



No. 51 Magistrate's Court



Springlands Magistrate's Court

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The CorentyneMagisterial District consists of four Magistrates' Courts across the District.

These courts are as follows:

1. Whim Magistrate's Court.
2. Mibicuri Magistrate's Court.
3. No.51 Magistrate's Court.
4. Springlands Magistrate's Court.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

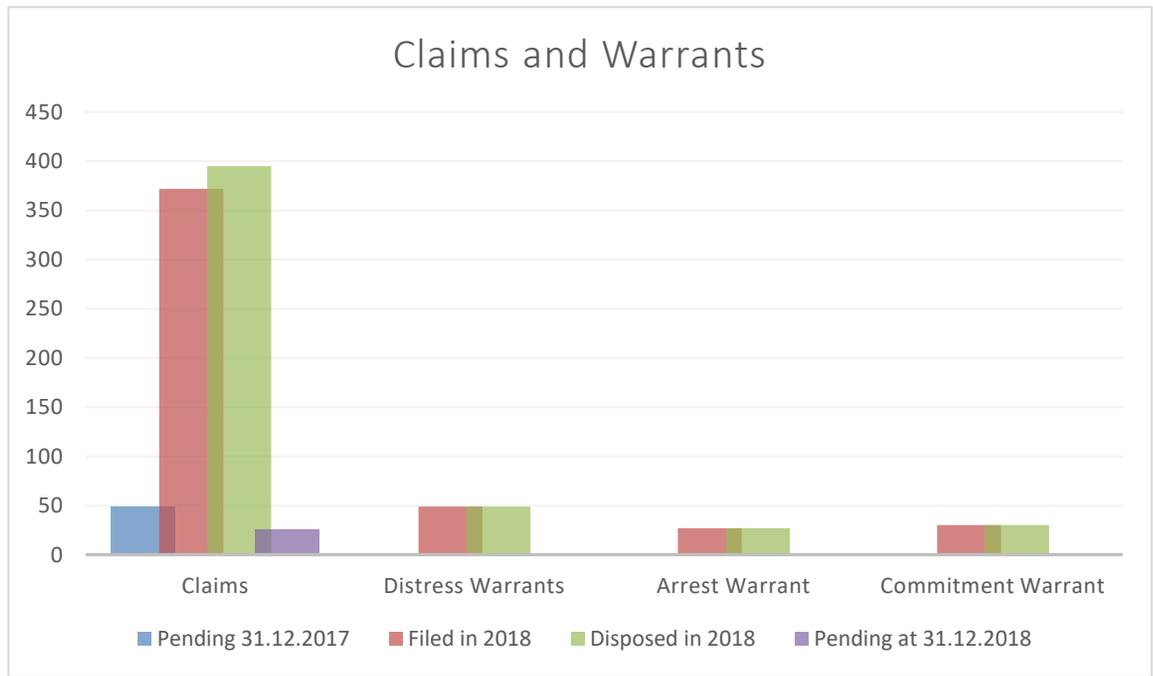
Maintenance Account	Amount \$
Balance as at 31ST December,2017	568,109,3
Money Received,2018	516,259,70
Amount Paid Out- 2018	506,480,00
Balance as at 31st DECEMBER 2018	665,906,3

LIABILITY ORDERS

Pending at 31.12.2017	17
Filed in 2018	214
Disposed in ,2018	221
Pending at 31st December,	10

CLAIMS AND WARRANTS

Corentyne Magisterial District- Period	Claims	Distress Warrant	Arrest Warrant	Commitment Warrant
Pending at 31.12.2017	49	0	0	0
Filed in 2018	372	49	27	30
Disposed in 2018	395	49	27	30
Pending at 31.12.2018	26	0	0	0



REVENUE AND SUITORS SECTION

REVENUE COLLECTION

Amount\$	
Description of Revenue- Collected in 2018	
Fines & Fees	149,528,00
State Cost	834,855
Seizure	680,000
TOTAL	164,676,55

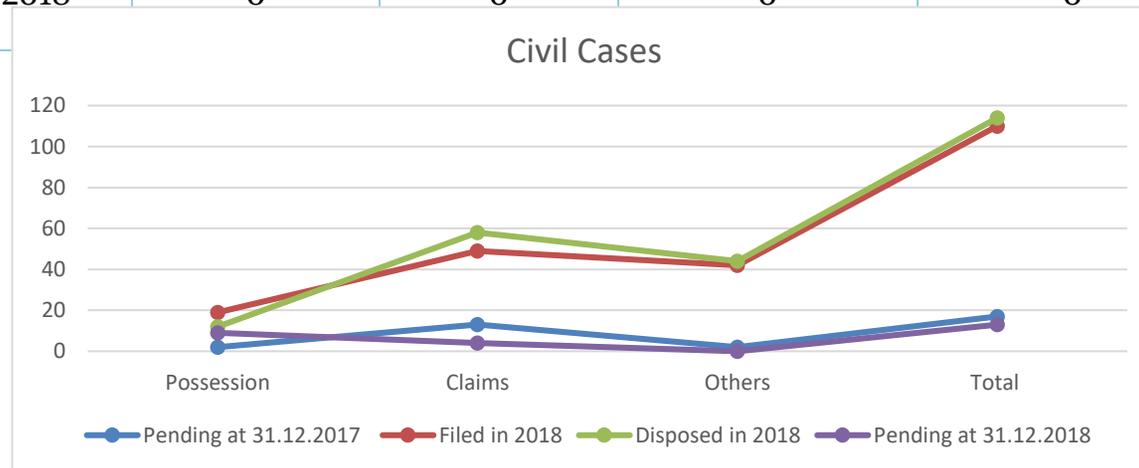
SUITORS ACCONT

Amount\$	
Description	
Balance as at 31st December, 2018	553,218,78
Money Received- 2018	363,435,25

Amount Paid Out- 2018	396,585,25
Balance as at 31 st December,2018	520,068,78

BAILIFF SECTION

Corentyne Magisterial District- Period	Service of Summons	Ejectment Warrants	Writ of Execution	Auction Sales
Pending at 31.12.2017	0	0	0	0
Filed in 2018	60	3	2	0
Disposed in 2018	60	3	2	0
Pending at 31.12.2018	0	0	0	0



JUDICIAL SECTION

CIVIL CASES

Corentyne Magisterial District- Period	Possession	Claims	Others	Total
Pending at 31.12.2017	2	13	2	17
Filed in 2018	19	49	42	110
Disposed in 2018	12	58	44	114
Pending at 31.12.2018	9	4	0	13

Sub-table (1)(a) (extracted from the total civil cases filed).

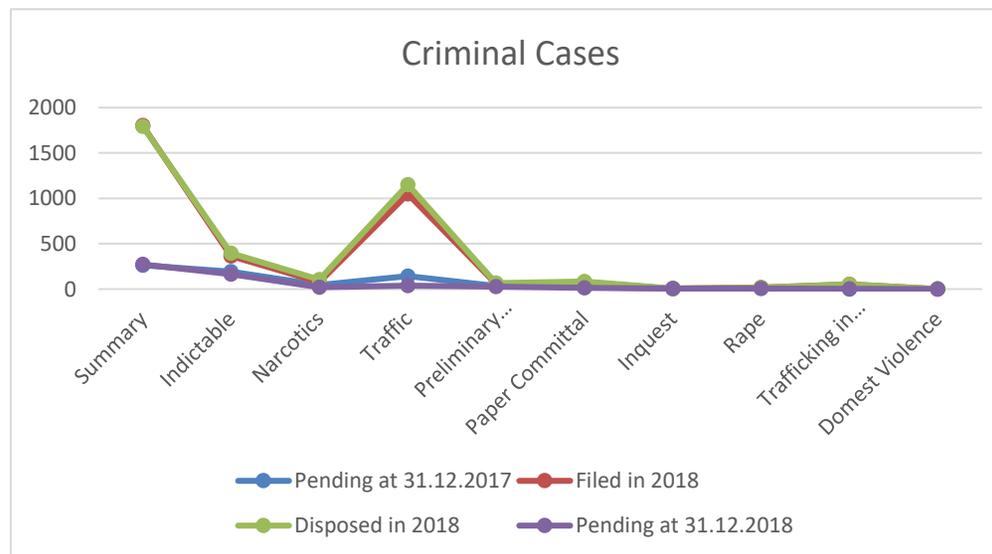
Money Lenders and Pawn Broker License

Pending at 31.12.2017	0
Filed in 2018	10
Disposed in 2018	10
Pending at 31.12.2018	0

CRIMINAL CASES

Corentyne Magisterial	Summary	Indictable	Narcotics	Traffic	Preliminary Inquiries	Paper Committal	Inquest	Rape	Trafficking in Persons	Domestic Violence	Total
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rial District-Period					s					e	
Pending at 31.12.2017	2863	192	45	142	34	76	3	9	1	2	767
Filed in 2018	1803	367	78	1047	58	20	8	17	53	0	3451
Disposed in 2018	1794	396	103	1150	66	84	5	18	51	2	3669
Pending at 31.12.2018	272	163	20	39	26	12	6	8	3	0	549

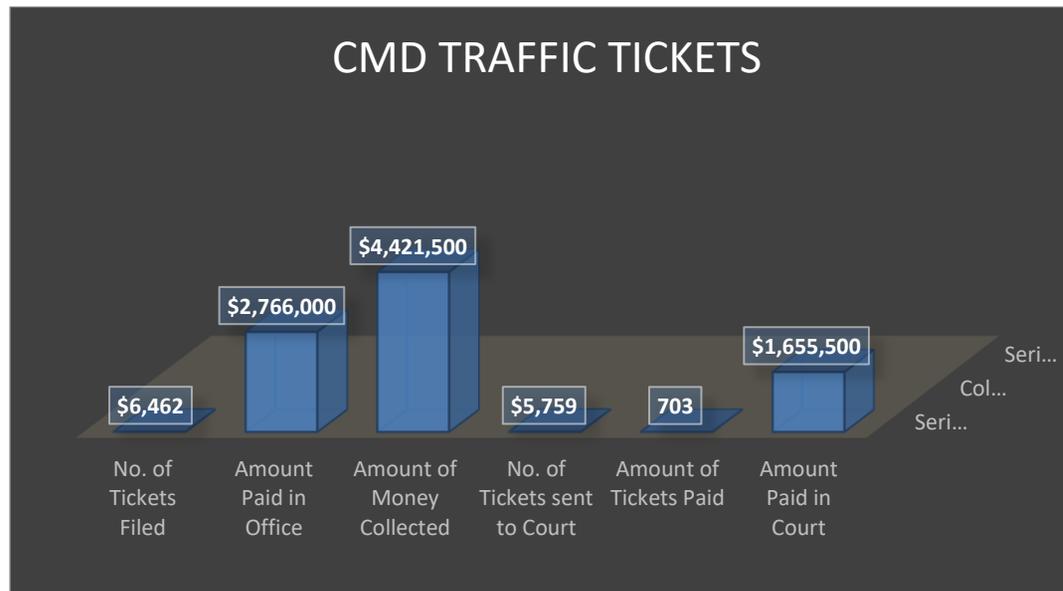


MUSIC AND DANCING LICENSE

Pending at 31.12.2017	0
Filed in 2018	25
Disposed in ,2018	25
Pending at 31.12.2018	0

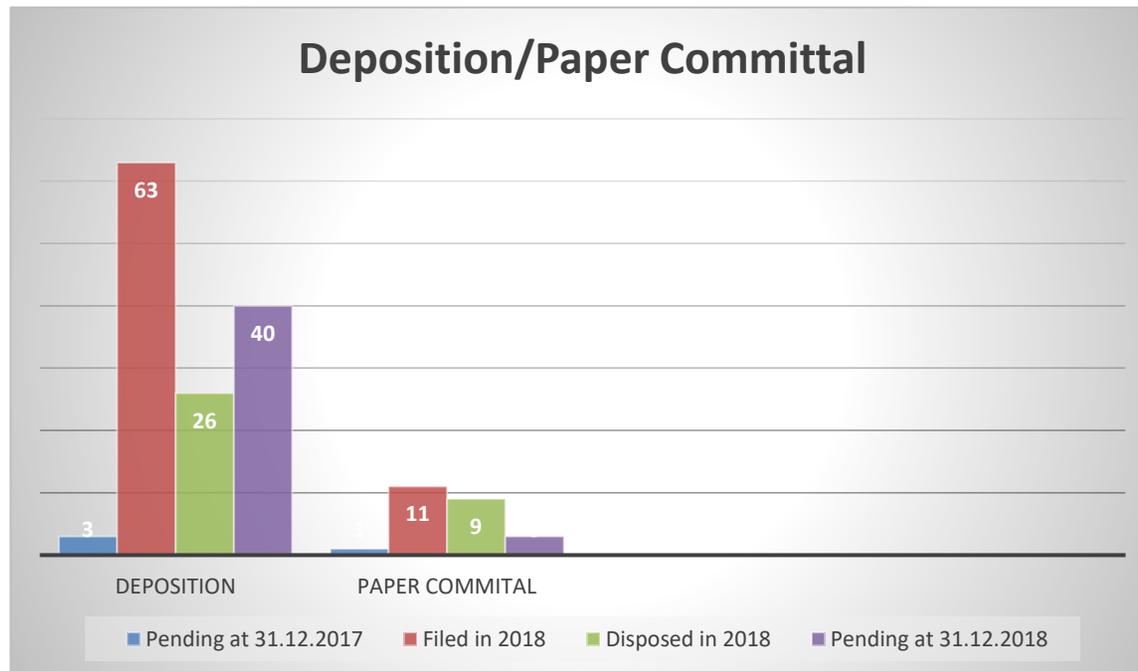
TRAFFIC TICKETS, 2018

No. of Tickets Filed	Amount Paid in Office \$	Amount of Money Collected \$	No. of Tickets Sent to Court	Amount Paid	Amount Paid in Court \$
6462	2,766,000	4,421,500	5759	703	1,655,500



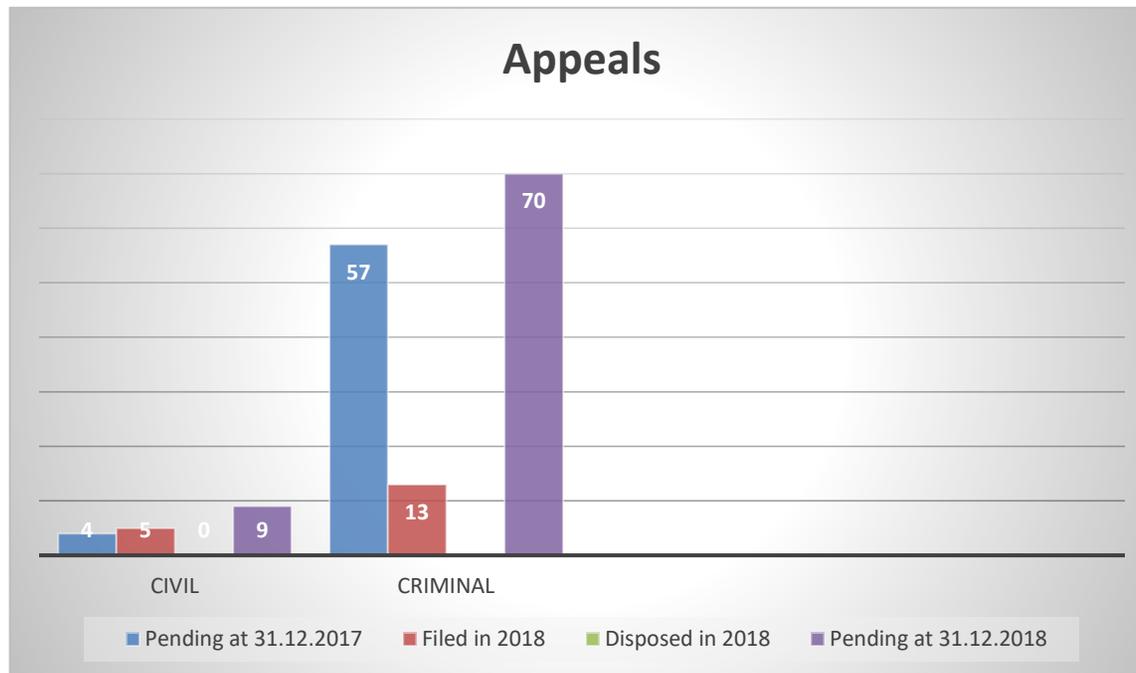
DEPOSITIONS/PAPER COMMITTALS

Corentyne Magisterial District- Period	Deposition	Paper Committal
Pending at 31.12.2017	3	1
Filed in 2018	63	11
Disposed in 2018	26	9
Pending at 31.12.2018	40	3



APPEALS

Corentyne Magisterial District- Period	Civil	Criminal
Pending at 31.12.2017	4	57
Filed in 2018	5	13
Disposed in 2018	0	0
Pending at 31.12.2018	9	70



East Demerara Magisterial District



Sparendam Magistrates' Court



Vigilance Magistrate's Court and District Office

Introduction

The East Demerara Magisterial District is recognized as District Number three (3) and consists of six (6) Magistrates' Courts with its main office located Vigilance on the East Coast of Demerara.

The six (6) Magistrates' Courts within the East Demerara Magisterial District are:

1. Mahaicony Magistrate's Court
2. Mahaica Magistrate's Court
3. Cove and John Magistrate's Court
4. Vigilance Magistrate's Court
5. Sparendaam Magistrate's Court 1& Court 2

These Courts are presided over by four (4) fulltime Magistrates.

JUDICIAL SECTION

Tables and Chart show the status of matters filed and disposed during the year under review

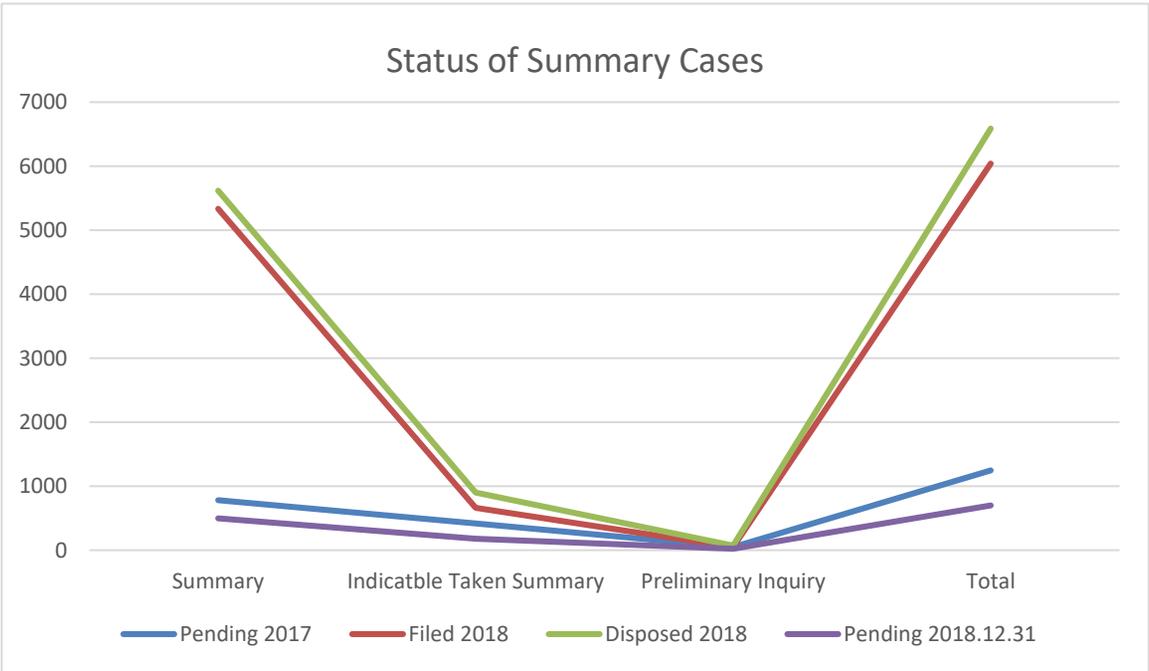
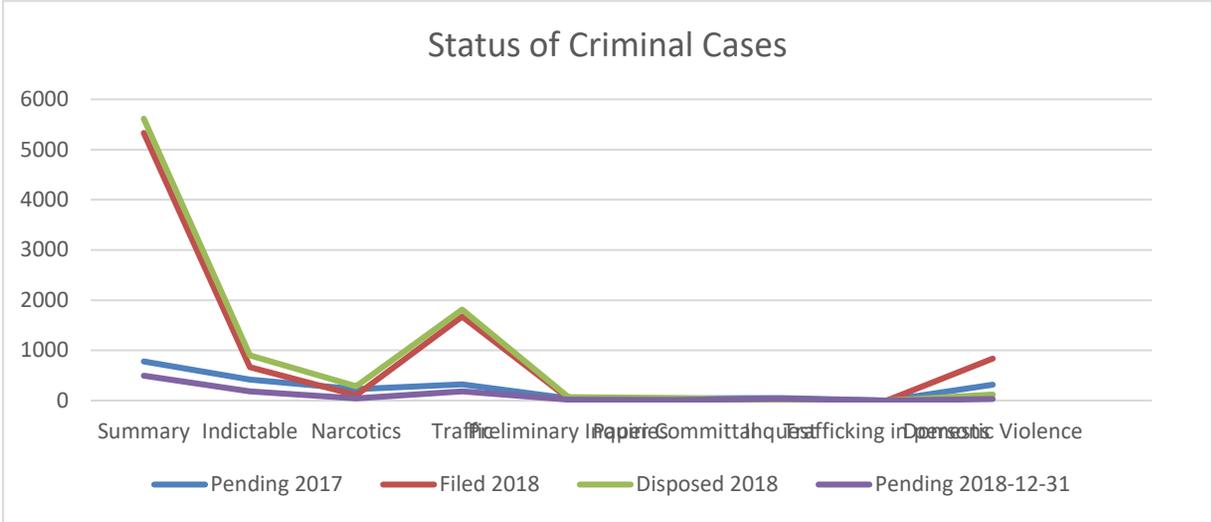
TABLE/CHART 1 – STATUS OF CRIMINAL CASES

East Demerara Magisterial District-Period	Summary	Indictable	Narcotics	Traffic	Preliminary Inquiry	Paper Committal	Inquest	Trafficking in Persons	Domestic Violence	TOTAL
Pending 2017	780	419	229	325	47	43	49	1	315	1893

Filed 2018	5331	663	106	1674	46	24	1	-	839	7845
Disposed 2018	5615	901	288	1816	71	52	14	1	1123	8758
Pending 2018-12-31	496	181	47	183	22	15	36	-	31	980

TABLE 1b – STATUS OF SUMMARY CASES
Status of Summary Cases

East Demerara Magisterial District- Period	Summary	Indictable Taken Summary	Preliminary Inquiry	Total
Pending 2017	780	419	47	1246
Filed 2018	5331	663	46	6040
Disposed 2018	5615	901	71	6587
Pending 2018-12-31	496	181	22	699



STATUS OF INDICATABLE CASES

East Demerara Magisterial District- Period	Filed	Indictable Taken Summary	Preliminary Inquiry	Paper Committal
Pending 2017	419		39	16
Filed 2018	663		73	58
Disposed 2018	901		90	59
Pending 2018-12-31	181		22	15

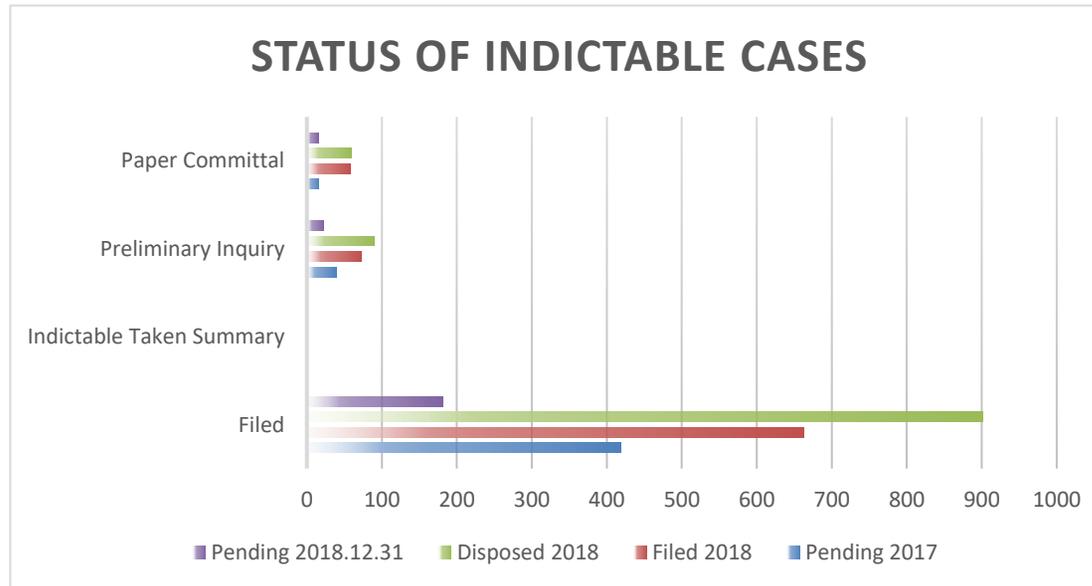


TABLE 2a – STATUS OF CIVIL CASES MATTERS

East Demerara Magisterial District- Period	Possession	Other Claims	Total
Pending 2017	32	52	84
Filed 2018	80	93	173
Disposed 2018	97	129	226
Pending 2018-12-31	15	16	31

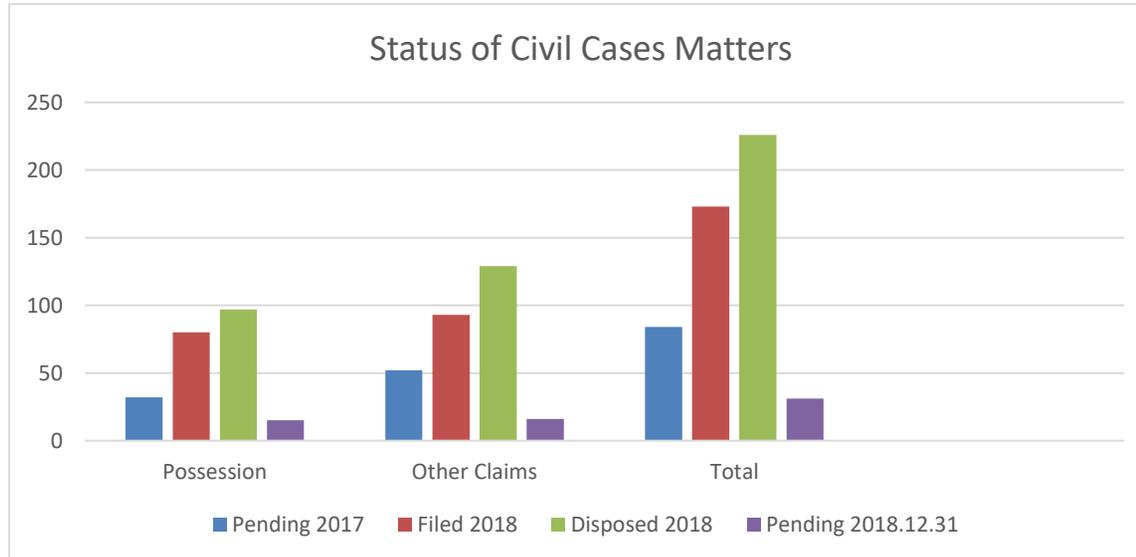


TABLE MONEY LENDERS CERTIFICATE

East Demerara Magisterial District- Period	Total
Pending 2017	-
Filed 2018	15
Disposed 2018	15
Pending 2018-12-31	-

TABLE 1f MUSIC AND DANCE

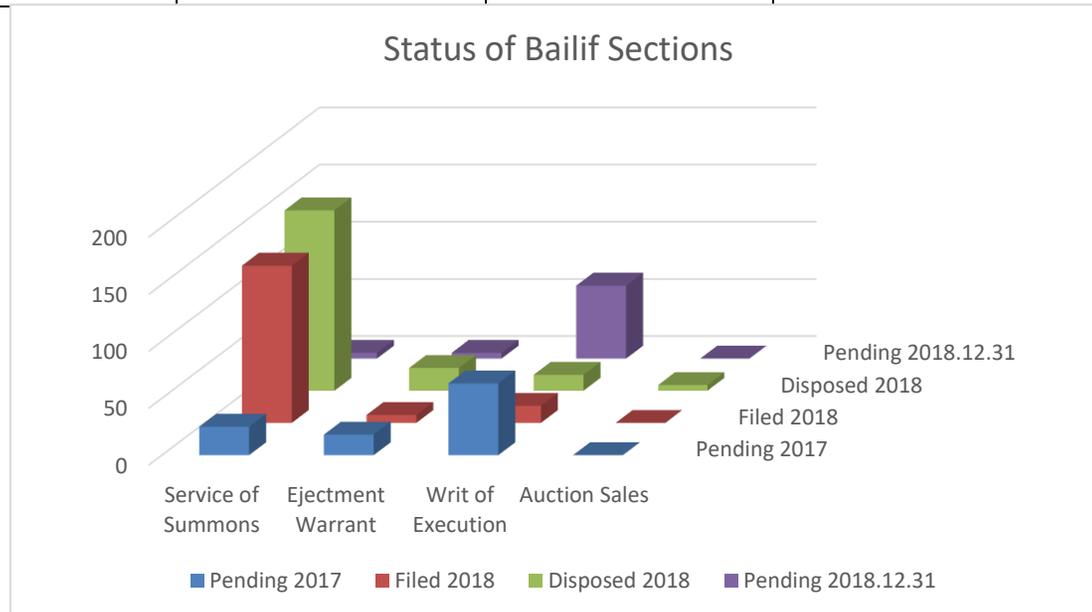
East Demerara Magisterial District- Period	Total
Pending 2017	-
Filed 2018	50
Disposed 2018	50
Pending 2018-12-31	-

BAILIFF SECTION

The amount of matters filed and executed during the year under review in this section is shown on table 3.

TABLE/CHART 3 – STATUS OF BAILIFF SECTION

East Demerara Magisterial District- Period	Service of Summons	Ejectment Warrant	Writ of Execution	Auction Sales
Pending 2017	25	18	63	-
Filed 2018	138	7	15	-
Disposed 2018	158	20	14	-
Pending 2018-12-31	5	5	64	-

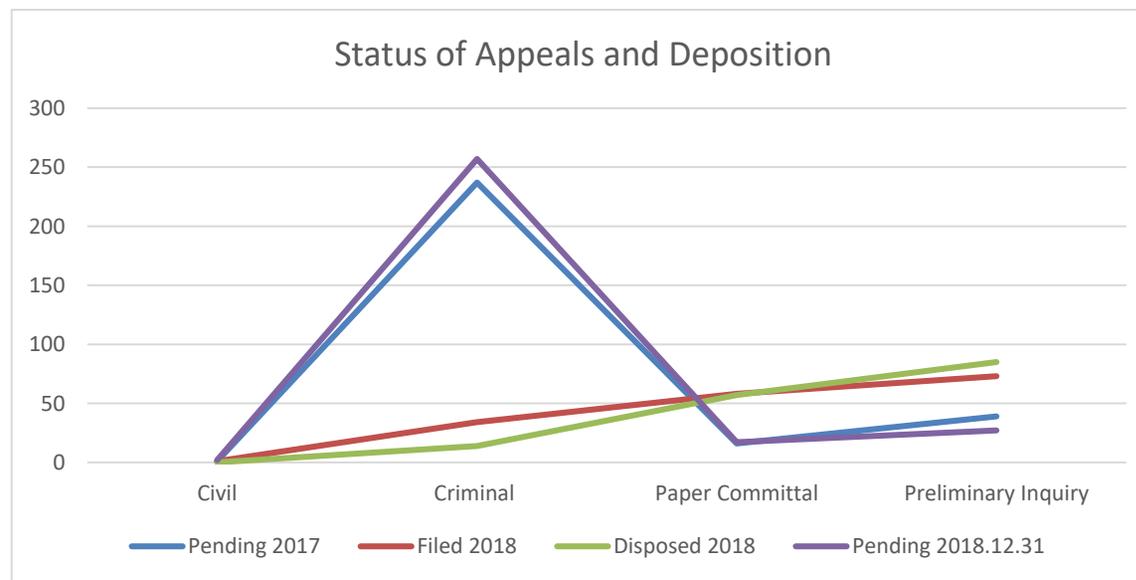


APPEALS AND DEPOSITIONS

Appeals and Depositions filed and sent to the High Court during the year under review are shown on table 4.

TABLE 4 – STATUS OF APPEALS AND DEPOSITIONS

East Demerara Magisterial District- Period	Civil	Criminal	Paper Committal	Preliminary Inquiry
Pending 2017	1	237	16	39
Filed 2018	1	34	58	73
Disposed 2018	-	14	57	85
Pending 2018-12-31	2	257	17	27



REVENUE SECTION

Table 5a shows amount of revenue collected for the year 2018

TABLE 5a – REVENUE FOR 2018

Month	Fines	Fees	Costs	Bail Escheated	Bailiff Compensation
January	2,140,350	14,560	-	-	-
February	1,302,775	22,600	-	850,000	-
March	1,598,925	8,860	-	695,000	-
April	1,967,375	4,255	-	-	-
May	1,275,500	7,690	-	675,000	-
June	1,457,250	7,840	-	240,000	-
July	1,215,500	7,325	-	-	-
August	873,825	16,420	-	330,000	-
September	1,536,025	13,270	-	55,000	-
October	1,343,375	39,860	-	-	-
November	1,697,925	31,800	-	-	-
December	2,897,685	22,535	-	-	-
TOTAL	19,306,510	197,015	-	2,845,000	-

TABLE 5b – REVENUE AS PER COURT FOR 2018

Month	M/Cony	Mahaica	C&J	Vigilance	S/DaamOffice	
January	295,00	287,500	95,000	445,000	372,500	1,062,410
February	235,000	40,000	167,500	127,500	242,500	772,875
March	60,000	132,500	76,000	777,500	247,575	579,935
April	337,500	265,000	375,000	207,500	420,000	511,630
May	182,500	82,500	110,000	285,000	182,500	785,690
June	7,500	90,000	305,000	215,000	250,000	841,815
July	32,500	7,500	210,000	107,500	222,500	867,825
August	82,500	47,50	127,500	57,500	257,500	712,245
September	80,000	85,000	27,500	597,500	297,500	610,295
October	150,000	37,500	227,500	117,500	215,000	991,735
November	62,500	10,000	142,500	160,000	192,000	1,328,225
December	-	345,000	957,500	865,050	436,000	595,670
TOTAL	1,525,000	1,430,000	2,821,500	3,962,550	3,335,575	22,684,475

Table 5c shows that a total of 2554 tickets were filed of this number 490 were paid 478 were sent to Court and 1700 were disposed leaving 216 pending.

TABLE 5c – TRAFFIC TICKETS

District	No. of Ticket Filed Jan-Dec 2018	Total No. of Ticket Paid Jan-Dec 2018 in Office	Amount of Money Collected in Office \$	No. of Ticket Sent to Court	Total No. of Ticket Disposed	Amount Paid in Court \$
East Demerara Magisterial District	2554	478	3,318,725	1760	1700	77,500

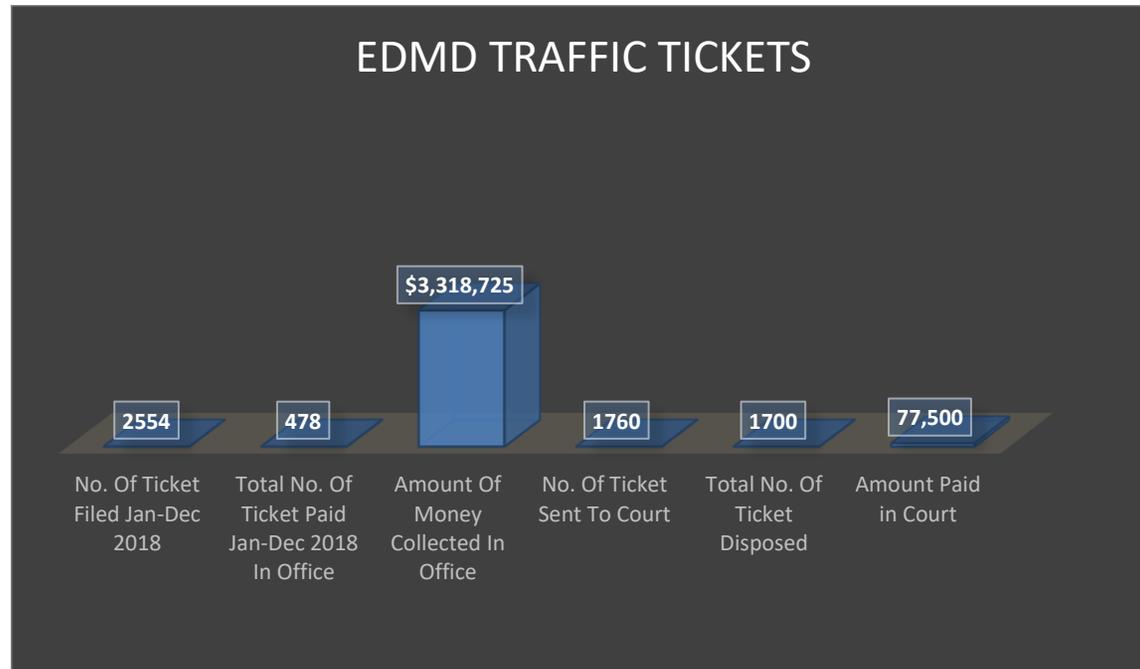


Table 6 shows the receipt and payment of bail for 2018

TABLE 6 – SUITORS FOR 2018

Month	Receipt	Payment
January	4,894,000	9,383,350
February	7,685,900	7,318,300
March	7,214,650	7,901,750
April	7,036,800	9,209,450
May	6,185,950	6,614,000
June	7,361,799	8,005,300
July	4,028,050	5,249,799
August	13,399,430	9,457,950
September	5,322,050	5,808,800
October	5,255,650	5,550,800
November	8,356,150	6,825,150
December	8,236,800	8,750,000
TOTAL	84,977,229	90,074,649

COLLECTING OFFICE

During the year 2018, 51 (fifty- one) Maintenance and 321 (three hundred and twenty- one) Affiliation Orders were made by the Court and 99 (ninety- nine) Orders were discharged.

Tables 7a and 7b shows the status of claims, warrants issued and executed, and the amount of monies received and paid during the year.

TABLE 7a – STATUS OF CALIMS AND WARRANTS FOR 2018

East Demerara Magisterial District- Period	Maintenance				
	WARRANTS				
	Claims	Liability Order	Distress	Arrest	Commitment
Pending 2017	370	37	726	236	77
Filed 2018	908	745	284	79	16
Disposed 2018	1238	736	175	33	93
Pending 2018- 12-31	40	46	835	282	-

TABLE 7b – RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR 2018

Month	Receipt	Payment
January	10,063,218	10,057,038
February	8,819,586	8,459,774
March	9,655,328	9,353,258
April	8,858,132	9,111,188
May	10,810,369	9,634,579
June	10,132,346	10,345,008

July	10,274,148	8,659,208
August	10,884,688	13,683,754
September	9,108,920	8,346,184
October	9,740,616	9,173,224
November	10,262,444	9,466,660
December	11,169,231	11,291,191
TOTAL	119,778,026	117,581,066

Berbice Magisterial District



Reliance Magistrate's Court



Albion Magistrate's Court



New Amsterdam Magistrate's Court

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The Berbice Magisterial District (B.M.D) consists of four Courts, which includes:

1. New Amsterdam Magistrates' Court.
2. Sisters Magistrates' Court.
3. Reliance Magistrate's Court.
4. Albion Magistrate's Court.

The district head office is situated at the New Amsterdam Magistrate's Court building.

STATUS OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CASES FILED FOR 2018 IN THE BERBICE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT.

Figure 1 – CRIMINAL CASES

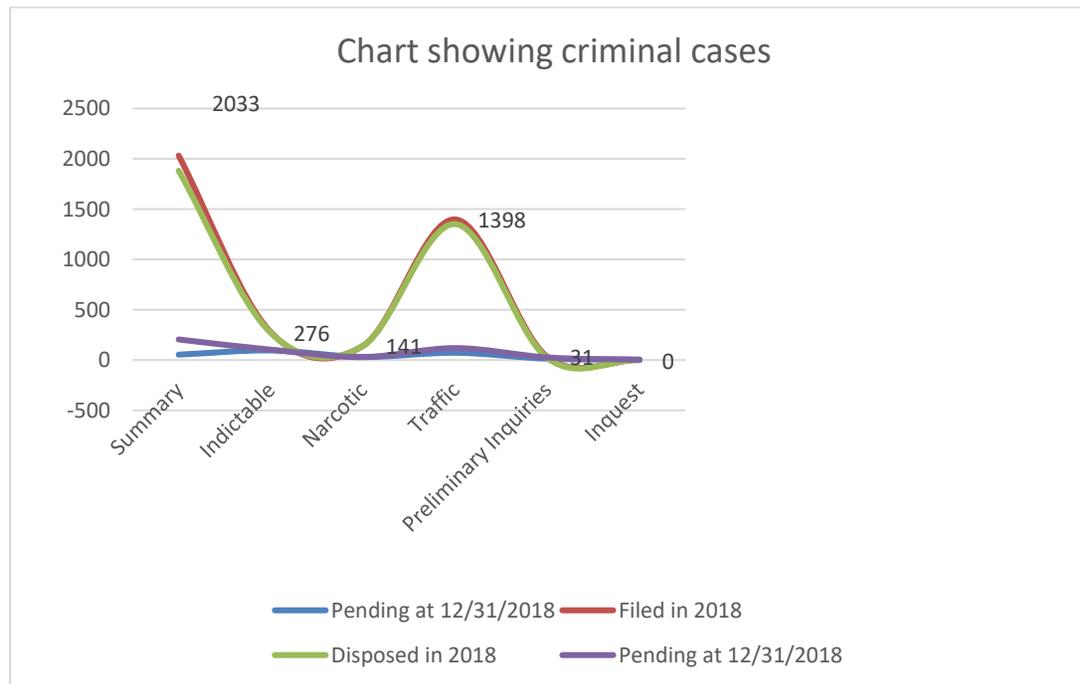
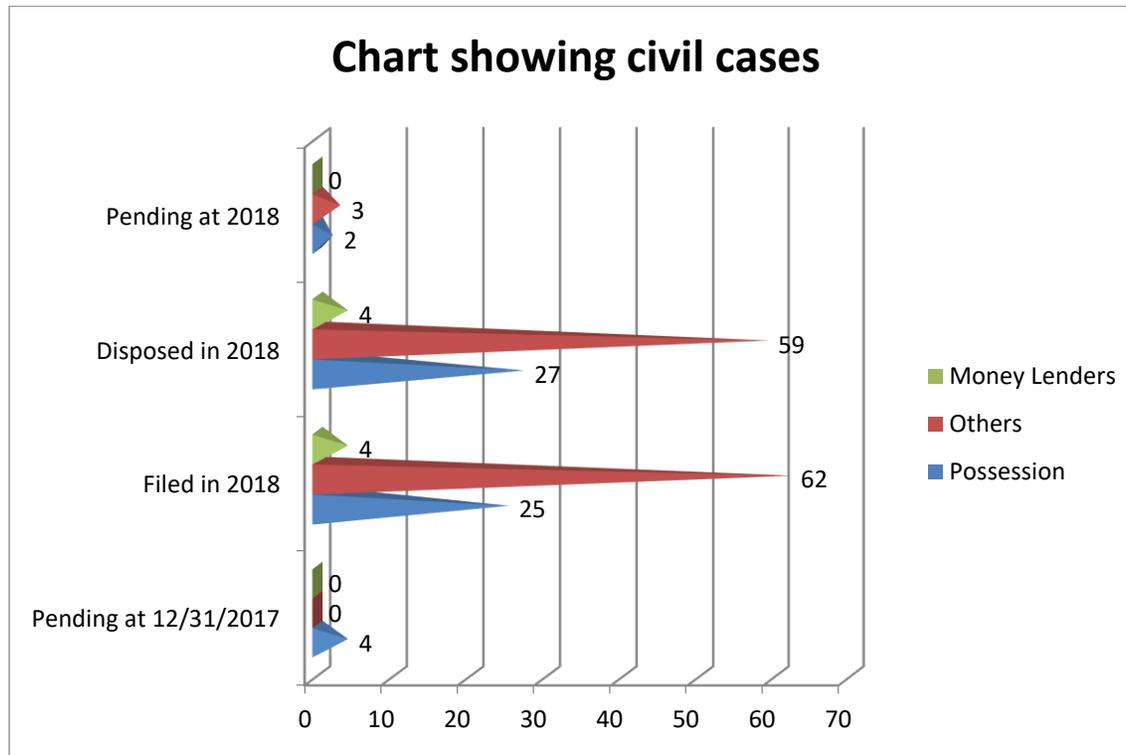


Table 2 – CIVIL CASES



- Trafficking in Person Report for 2018 – NIL
- Domestic Violence *Filed For 2018- 147 –* Disposed – 142 *Pending-5

APPEALS /DEPOSITIONS

Table 3 shows the status of records in this section.

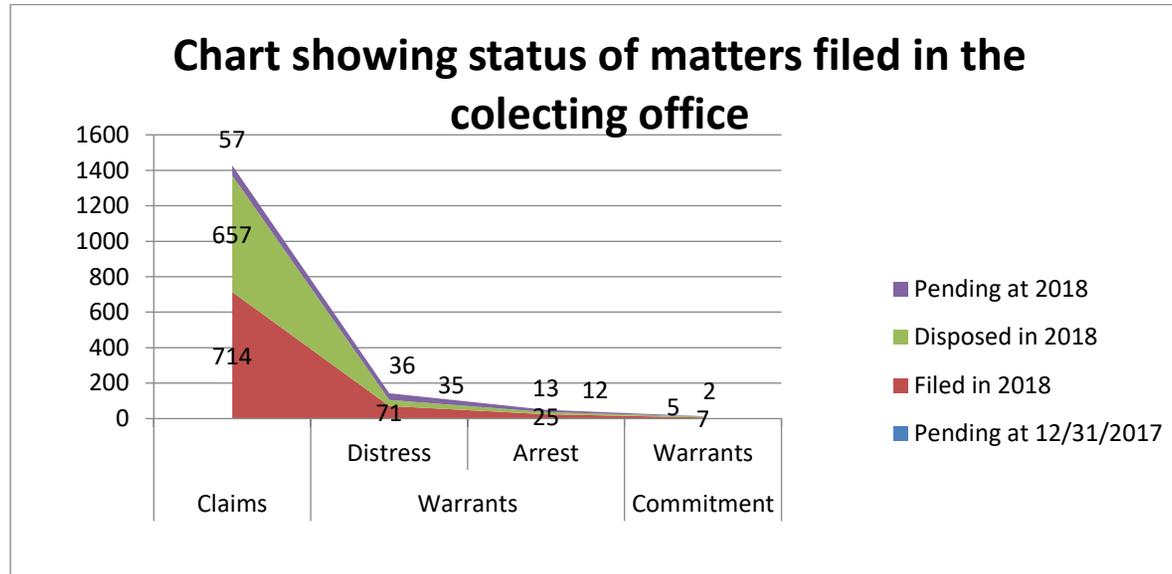
Table 3 – Status of Appeals and Depositions.

2018 Transactions	Appeals		Paper	Preliminary
	Civil	Criminal	Committal	Inquiries
Pending at 2017-12-31	10	129	NIL	3
Filed in 2018	NIL	19	14	20
Disposed in 2018	NIL	NIL	14	20
Pending at 2018-12-31	10	148	0	3

MAINTENANCE AND AFFILIATION

Table 4 shows the status of operation for 2018.

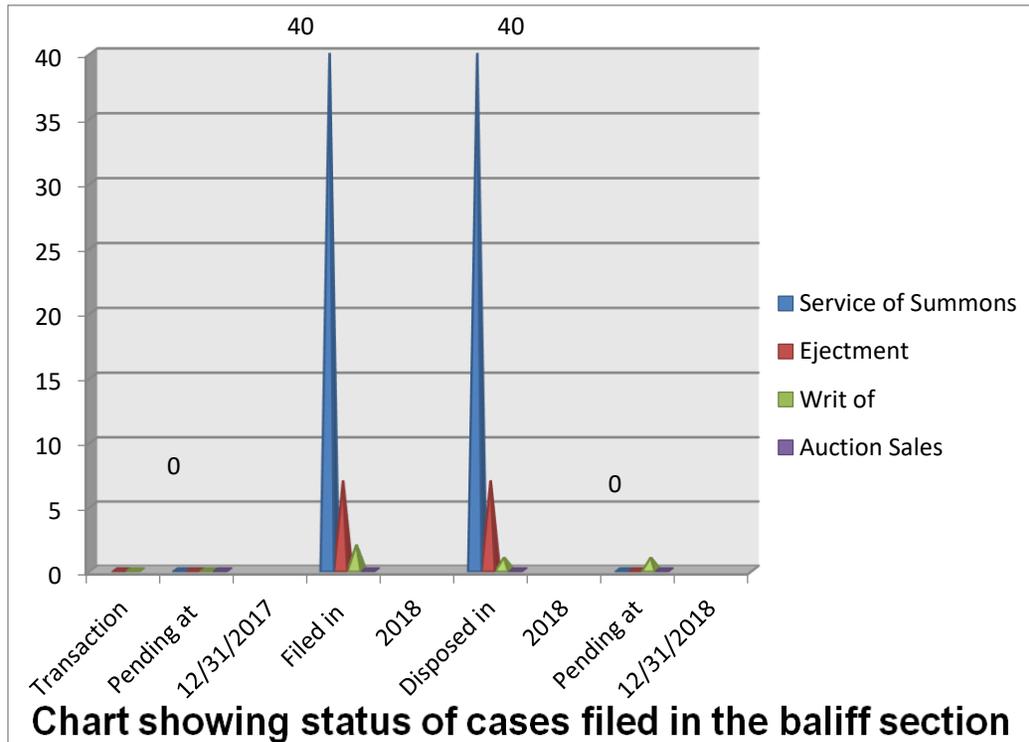
Table 4 – Status of Matters Filed in the Collecting Office



BAILIFF SECTION

Table 5 shows the status of matters filed in this section.

Table 5 – Status of matters filed in the Bailiff Section.



REVENUE SECTION

Table 6 – Status of the Accounts Section (Revenue and Suitors)

Table 6(a) – Revenue

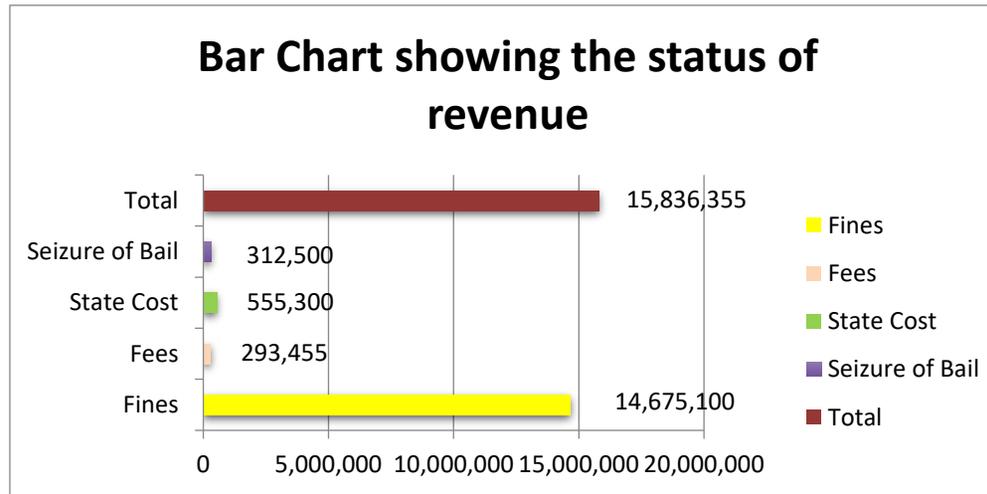
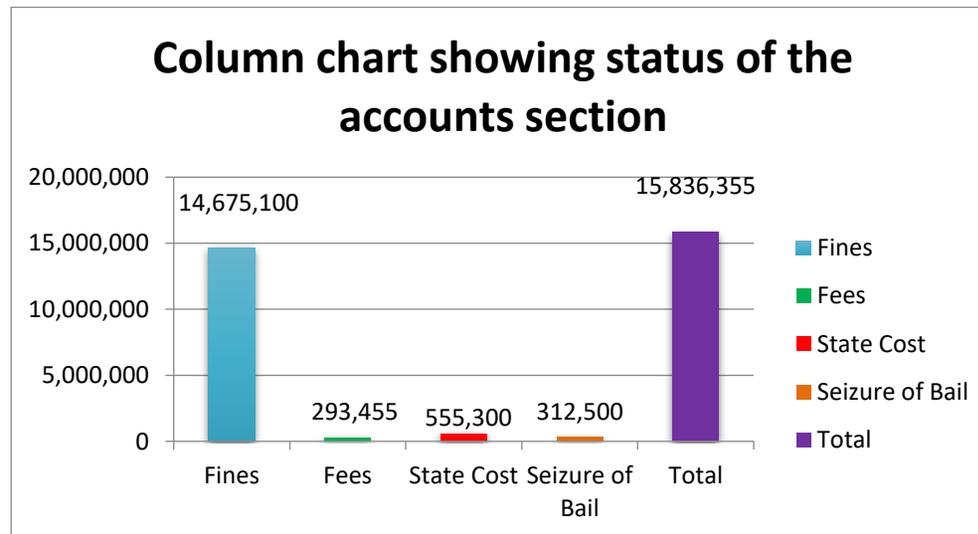


Chart 6 (b) – Suitors

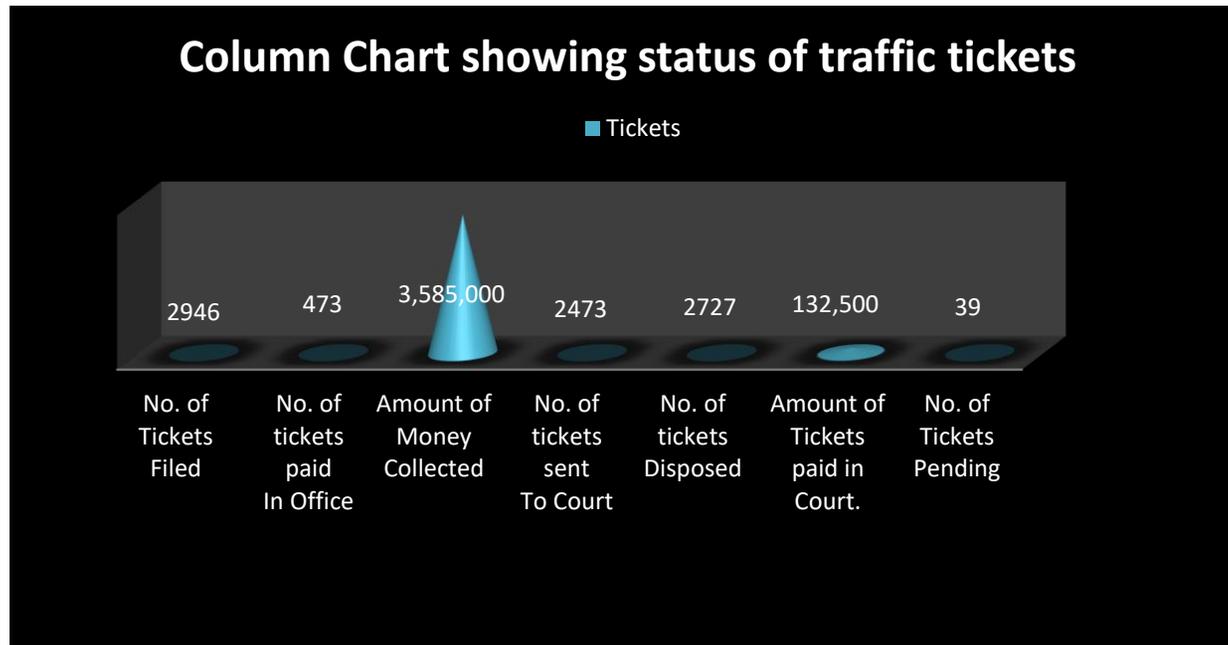


Traffic Ticket Section

This section is a sub-section of the revenue section.

Table 7 below shows the status of traffic tickets for the year 2018.

Table 7– Status of traffic Tickets



UPPER DEMERARA RIVER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT



Linden Magistrates Court
MAINTENANCE AND AFFILIATION SECTION

LIABILITY ORDER

Pending at 31.12.2017	22
Filed in 2018	265
Disposed in 2018	210
Pending at 31.12.2018	77

CLAIMS AND WARRANTS

	CLAIMS	DISTRESS WARRANT	ARREST WARRANT	COMMITMENT WARRANT
Pending at 31.12.2017	32	2	1	Nil
Filed in 2018	118	19	7	NIL
Disposed in	101	6	8	NIL

2018				
Pending at 31.12.2018	49	15	Nil	NIL

No. of Maintenance order made- 14

No.of affiliation orders made - 104

REVENUE COLLECTION

Description of Revenue	Amount \$
Fines & Fees	12,056,170.
State Cost	91,000.
Seizure	-
TOTAL	12,147,845.

N.B Bail escheated 420,000.

SUITORS COLLECTION

Description of Suitors	Amount \$
Bail Imposed	15,499,450.
Bail refunded	18,296,450.

BAILIFF SECTION

	Service of Summon		Ejectment	Writ of	Auction
	Criminal	Civil	Warrants	Execution	Sales
Pending at 31.12.2017	NIL	12	1	5	NIL
Filed in 2018	Nil	24	4	2	NIL
Disposed in 2018	Nil	36	2	1	NIL
Pending at	Nil	Nil	3	6	NIL

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CIVIL CASES

Cases	Possession	Claims	Others	Total
Pending at 31.12.2017	2	8	Nil	10
Filed in 2018	10	11	13	34
Disposed in 2018	7	8	13	29
Pending at 31.12.2018	5	11	Nil	15

Sub-table (1)(a) (extracted from the total civil cases filed).

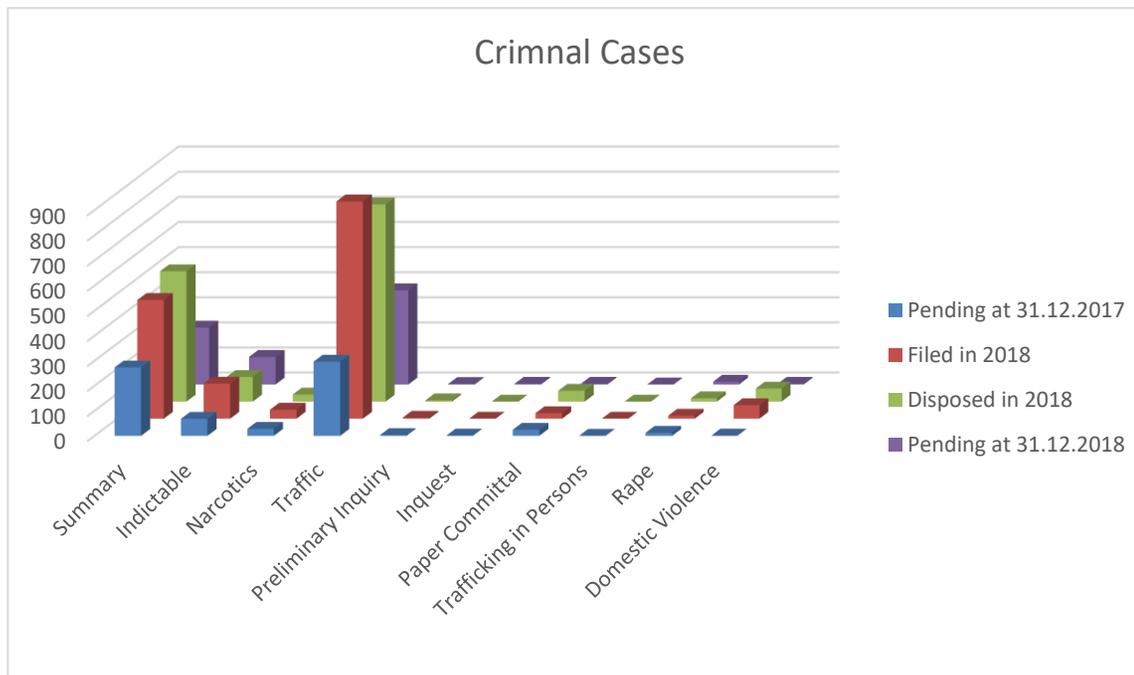
Money Lender and Pawn Broker License

Pending at 31.12.2017	NIL
Filed in 2018	NIL
Disposed in 2018	NIL
Pending at 31.12 .2018	NIL

Table and Chart showing the Criminal Cases UDRMD

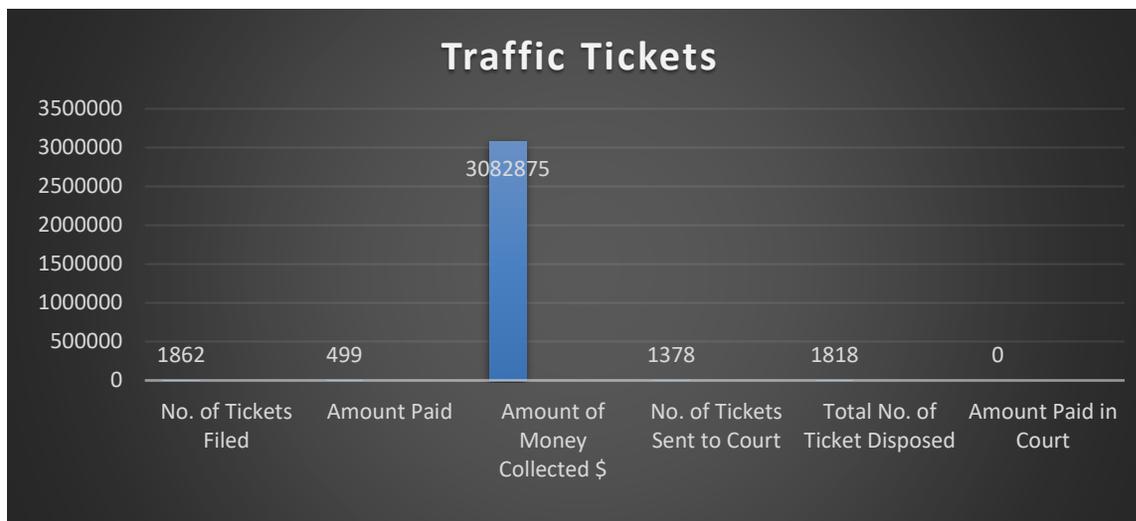
CRIMINAL CASES

Cases	Summary	Indictable	Narcotics	Traffic	Preliminary Inquiry	Inquest	Paper Committal	Trafficking in Persons	Rape	Domestic Violence
Pending at 31.12.2017	273	68	28	296	3	1	24	0	12	1
Filed in 2018	474	140	36	866	4		22	0	12	54
Disposed in 2018	520	98	28	786	5	-	43	0	13	52
Pending at 31.12.2018	227	110	36	376	2	3	3	0	11	3



TRAFFIC TICKETS

No. Of Tickets Filed	Amount Paid	Amount of Money Collected \$	No. Of Tickets Sent to Court	Total No. of Ticket Disposed	Amount Paid in Court \$
1862	499	3,082,875	1378	1818	NIL



TRAFFIC TICKETS

Pending at 31.12.2017	229
Filed in 2018	1862
Disposed in 2018	1818
Pending at 31.12 .2018	273

MUSIC AND DANCING LICENSE

Pending at 31.12.2017	Nil
Filed in 2018	42
Disposed in 2018	42
Pending at 31.12.2018	Nil

APPEALS/DEPOSITIONS SECTION
DEPOSITION/PAPER COMMITTAL

Pending at 31.12.2017	20
Filed in 2018	40
Disposed in 2018	48
Pending at 31.12.2018	12

APPEALS

Upper Demerara Magisterial District- Period	Civil	Criminal
Pending at 31.12.2017	-	48
Filed in 2018	-	11
Disposed in 2018	-	15
Pending at 31.12.2018	-	44



Rupununi Magisterial District

Lethem Magistrates' Court

INTRODUCTION

The Rupununi Magisterial District was declared opened on the 2nd day of February, 2018 and consists of four (4) Magistrates' Courts with its main office located at North Rupununi Savannahs (Lethem).

This district office is responsible for all Civil and Criminal matters filed for hearing by the presiding the Magistrate. It is also responsible for safe custody of the records of all proceedings adjudicated over by the Magistrate, issuing certified copies of documents and/or information required by Attorneys-at-Law, litigants and members of the public.

OVERVIEW

There are four (4) Magistrates Courts within the Rupununi Magisterial District which are:

- 1.Lethem
2. Annai
- 3.Aishalton
- 4.Karasabai

These Courts are presided over by one (1) full time Magistrate.

JUDICIAL

Tables/Charts 1 and 2 show the status of matters filed and disposed during the year under review are shown on a table.

TABLE 1 - STATUS OF CRIMINAL CASES

Rupununi Magisterial District- Period	Summa ry	Indicta ble	Narcoti cs	Traffi c	Preliminar y Inquiry	Inquests	Trafficki ng in Persons
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Pending Dec 31, 2017	54	5	17	2	7	9	1
Filed Feb – Dec 2018	238	49	15	391	6	1	-
Disposed Feb – Dec 2018	289	46	29	380	13	-	-
Pending 2018-12-31	3	8	3	13	-	10	1

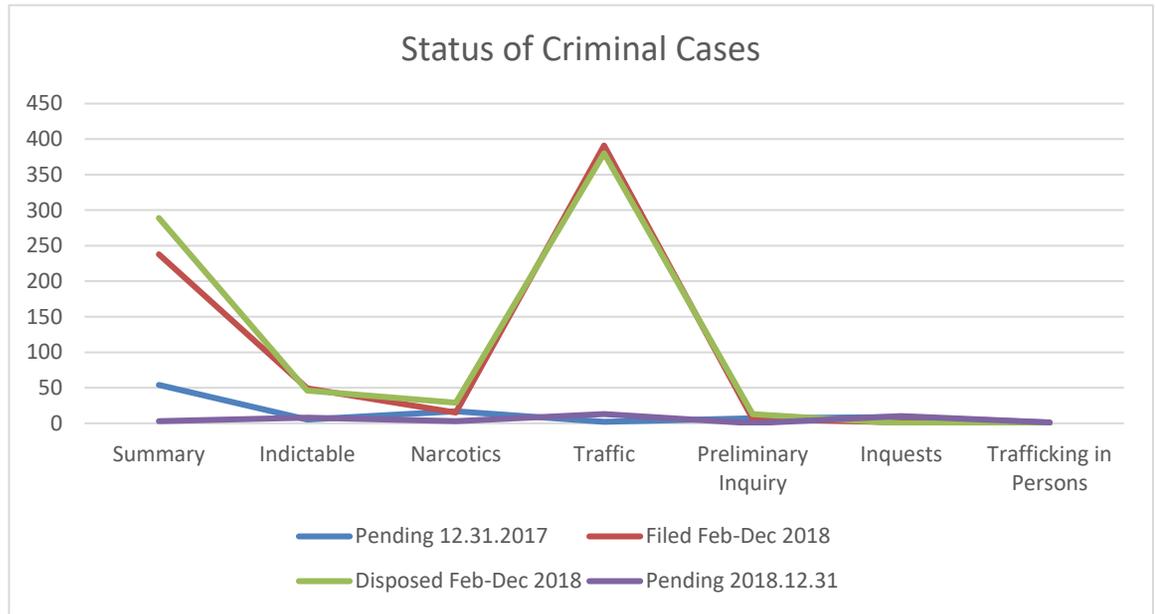


TABLE 2 – STATUS OF CIVIL CASES MATTERS

Rupununi Magisterial District- Period	Possession	Other Claims	Total
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Filed Feb – Dec 2018	-	-	-
Disposed Feb – Dec 2018	-	-	-
Pending 2018-12-31	-	-	-

BAILIFF SECTION

The amount of matters filed and executed during the year under review in this section is shown on table 3.

TABLE 3 – STATUS OF BAILIFF SECTION

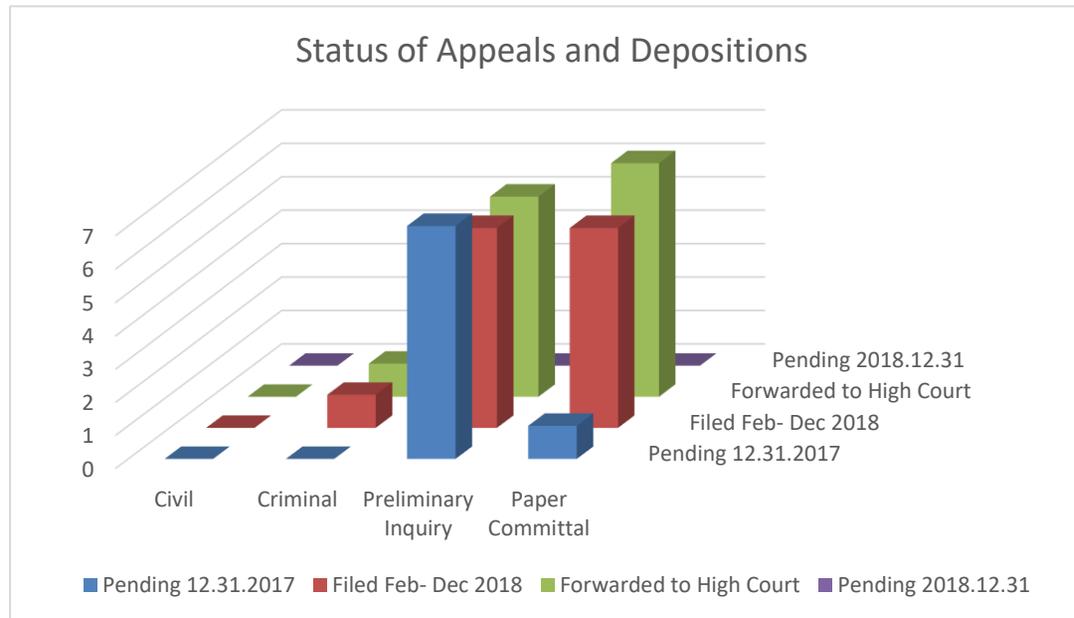
Rupununi Magisterial District- Period	Service of Summons	Ejectmen t Warrant	Writ of Executio n	Auction Sales
Filed Jan – Dec 2018	-	-	-	-
Disposed Jan – Dec 2018	-	-	-	-
Pending 2018-12-31	-	-	-	-

APPEALS AND DEPOSITIONS

Appeals and Depositions filed and sent to the High Court during the year under review are shown on table and Chart 4.

TABLE 4 – STATUS OF APPEALS AND DEPOSITIONS

Rupununi Magisterial District- Period	Civil	Criminal	Preliminary Inquiry	Paper Committal
Pending Dec 31, 2017	-	-	7	1
Filed Feb - Dec 2018	-	1	6	6
Forwarded to High Court Feb - Dec 2018	-	1	6	7
Pending 2018-12-31	-	-	-	-



REVENUE SECTION

Table 5a shows amount of revenue collected for the year 2018.

TABLE 5 – REVENUE FOR 2018

Month	Fines	Fees	Commission On Bailiff Sale	Costs	M&Tc Fines	Bail Escheated
January	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	527,500	-	-	-	-	-
March	760,000	1,900	-	-	-	-
April	230,000	-	-	-	-	125,000
May	460,000	3,100	-	-	-	-
June	647,500	8,100	-	5,000	-	-
July	360,000	12,800	-	-	-	-
August	270,000	20,900	-	-	-	-
September	207,000	8,400	-	10,000	-	-
October	650,000	5,000	-	5,000	-	-
November	560,000	23,300	-	15,000	-	-
December	242,500	3,100	-	10,000	-	-
TOTAL	4,914,500	86,600	-	45,000	-	125,000

Table and Chart 6 show that a total of 2 tickets were filed and paid.

TABLE 6 - TRAFFIC TICKETS

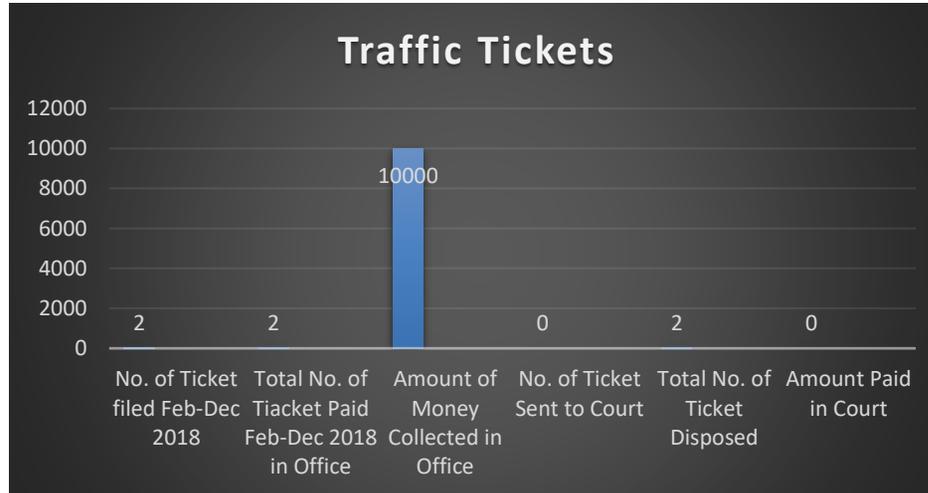
No. of Ticket Filed Feb	Total No. of Ticket Paid Feb	Amount of Money Collected	No. of Ticket Sent to	Total No. of Ticket Disposed	Amount Paid in Court

-Dec 2018	- Dec 2018 in Office	in Office \$	Court		\$
2	2	10,000	-	2	-

Table 7 shows the receipt and payment of bail for 2018.

Month	Receipt \$	Payment \$
January	-	-
February	345,000	-
March	6,495,000	50,000
April	-	835,000
May	260,000	335,000
June	15,000	1,150,000
July	15,000	1,250,000
August	1,050,000	1,175,000
September	180,000	55,000
October	295,000	550,000
November	85,000	125,000
December	5,000	55,000
TOTAL	8,745,000	5,580,000

COLLECTING OFFICE



Tables 8 and 9 show the status of claims, warrants issued and executed, and the amount of monies received and paid during the year.

TABLE 8 – STATUS OF CLAIMS AND WARRANTS FOR 2018

Rupununi Magisterial District-Period	Maintenance				
	Claims	Liability	Warrants		
			Distress	Arrest	Commitment
Filed Jan – Dec 2018	30	2	-	-	-
Disposed Jan – Dec 2018	24	2	-	-	-
Pending 2018-12-31	6	-	-	-	-

TABLE 9 – RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR 2018

Month	Receipt \$	Payment \$
January	-	-
February	-	-
March	-	-
April	-	-
May	14,000	-
June	-	-
July	-	-
August	27,000	27,000
September	4,000	-
October	4,000	-
November	189,000	165,000
December	88,000	44,000
TOTAL	326,000	236,000

ESSEQUIBO MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT



Suddie Magistrate Court



Charity Magistrate Court

COLLECTING OFFICE

No. of Claims filed for support	383
No. of Claims disposed	413
Total No. of orders made in 2018	105
Total No. services in collecting section as at 2018	3275

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Opening balance as at 01/01/2018	\$3,567,577
Plus Receipts	\$46,974,719
Total	\$50,542,296
Less Payment	\$46,224,644
Balance as at 31/12/2018	4,317,652

REVENUE

Revenue collection in 2018 did exceed the target set in 2018. This was due mainly to the increase in seizure of bail, fees and imposition of fines; etc. revenue collected depends mainly on the imposition and collection of fines, also fees for filing of documents and preparing warrants etc.

Table 3 – ACTUAL REVENUE COLLECTED

Fines	\$20,636,300
Fees	\$414,195
Seizure of Bail	665,00
State costs	-
Other Loans and Allowances	-
TOTAL	\$21,715,495

SUITORS ACCOUNT

Opening balance as at 01/01/2018	\$88,553,096
Plus Receipts	\$ 41,092,725
Total	\$129,645,821
Less Payment	\$31,866,846
Balance as at 31/12/2018	\$97,778,846

WORK PERFORMANCE
01ST JANUARY – 31ST DECEMBER 2018
TABLE 1 – CRIMINAL CASES

District	Period	Summary	Indictable	Narcotics	Traffic	Preliminary Inquiries	Inquests	Trafficking in persons
Essequibo Magisterial District	Pending 2017.12.31	407	46	128	117	13	53	5
	Filed Jan – Dec, 2018	1743	212	153	1033	60	1	8
	Disposed Jan – Dec, 2018	1782	226	223	1026	57	12	13
	Pending 2018.12.31	368	32	58	124	16	42	-

WORK PERFORMANCE
01ST JANUARY – 31ST DECEMBER 2018
TABLE 2 – CIVIL CASES

District	Period	Possession	Other Claims	Total
Essequibo Magisterial District	Pending 2017.12.31	19	18	37
	Filed Jan – Dec, 2018	13	42	55
	Disposed Jan – Dec, 2018	25	35	60
	Pending 2018.12.31	7	25	32

**WORK PERFORMANCE
01ST JANUARY – 31ST DECEMBER 2018
TABLE 3 – BAILIFF’S SECTION MATTERS**

District	Period	Service of Summons	Ejectment Warrants	Writs of Execution	Auction
	Pending 2018.12.31				
Essequibo Magisterial District	Pending 2017.12.31	-	11	150	10
	Filed Jan – Dec, 2018	55	1	7	1
	Disposed Jan – Dec, 2018	55	1	6	-
	Pending 2018.12.31	-	11	151	11

**WORK PERFORMANCE
01ST JANUARY – 31ST DECEMBER 2018
TABLE 4- APPEAL AND DEPOSITION MATTERS**

District		Civil	Criminal	Paper Committal	Preliminary Inquiries
Essequibo Magisterial District	Pending 2017.12.31	5	179	8	12
	Filed Jan – Dec, 2018	3	31	28	18
	Disposed Jan – Dec, 2018	-	12	30	24
	Pending 2018.12.31	8	198	6	6

**WORK PERFORMANCE
01ST JANUARY – 31ST DECEMBER 2018
TABLE 5- COLLECTING OFFICE MATTERS**

District		Maintenance			
		Claims	Warrants		
			Distress	Arrest	Commitment

Essequibo Magisterial District	Pending 2017.12.31	19	14	3	3
	Filed Jan – Dec, 2018	383	45	18	-
	Disposed Jan – Dec, 2018	370	25	13	-
	Pending 2018.12.31	32	34	8	3

WORK PERFORMANCE
01ST JANUARY – 31ST DECEMBER 2018
TABLE 6- TRAFFIC TICKETS

District	No. of tickets filed Jan – Dec 2018	Total Ticket Paid Jan – Dec 2018	Amount Collected In Office Jan – Dec 2018	Ticket Sent To Court Jan – Dec 2018	Total Ticket Disposed Jan – Dec 2018	Amount Paid In Court Jan – Dec 2018
Essequibo Magisterial District	1864	1321	8169500	543	543	282500

Staff who joined the Supreme Court of Judicature in 2018

Name	Designation	Location
Norrissia Fortune	Legal Clerk 11	New Amsterdam Magisterial District
Jermain Hope	Legal Clerk 11	
Chante Leacock	Legal Clerk 11	
Suraj Jagnarine	Legal Clerk 11	
Cindy Ramsarran	Legal Clerk 11	
NavinSukhoo	Bailiff	
Natasha Srikisher	Office Assistant	
Alicia Deolall	Legal Clerk 11	Whim Magistrate Court
Antonia Arthur	Legal Clerk 11	Whim Magistrate Court
Denisha Watson	Office Assistant	Whim Magistrate Court
Rishauna Rutherford	Legal Clerk 11	Whim Magistrate Court
Aqliyina Simpson	Typist Clerk 1	Whim Magistrate Court
Yohansey Rogers	Legal Clerk 11	Linden Magistrate Court
Rushanna Wills	Legal Clerk 11	Linden Magistrate Court
Anna Thomas	Cleaner	Lethem Magistrate Court
Elijah Simon	Accounts Clerk	Lethem Magistrate Court
Ana Edwin	Office Assistant	Lethem Magistrate Court
Marcelene Ignacio	Typist Clerk	Lethem Magistrate Court
Jemica Clarke	Legal Clerk 11	Georgetown Magistrate Court

Rohanine Persaud	Legal Clerk	Georgetown Magistrate Court
Mikila Lowe	Legal Clerk	Georgetown Magistrate Court
Vashtie Harris	Legal Clerk	Georgetown Magistrate Court
Faith Douglas	Typist Clerk	Georgetown Magistrate Court
Khadijah Todd	Typist Clerk	Georgetown Magistrate Court
Trianna Milo	Typist Clerk	Georgetown Magistrate Court
Kelly Charles	Vault Attendant	Georgetown Magistrate Court
Ackleema Ali	Legal Clerk 11	Vigilance Magistrate Court
SuneetaRoopchand	Legal Clerk 11	Vigilance Magistrate Court
ReubicaRamgulan	Typist Clerk	Vigilance Magistrate Court
Alicia Jordon	Typist Clerk	Vigilance Magistrate Court
AliecaBedlow	Office Assistant	Vigilance Magistrate Court
Marcia Benedict	Cleaner	Lethem Magistrate Court
Analisa Bharrat	Legal Clerk 11	Springlands Berbice
Pretha Lawrence		
Demini Beharry		
Devin Narayan		
Shemeka La Rose	Accounts Clerk	
BeenaJaikissoon	Counter Clerk	
Grace Carr		
Troyden Evans	Janitor	
Tashoona English	Data Entry Clerk	Judicial
VidyaraniSeecharran		

Nickita Persaud		
Leonee Layne	Legal Clerk 11	
Onica Azim		
Ricardo Basdeo	Accounts Clerk	Accounts
Sugraj Mohan		
MaresaBaichau		
Sueann Campbell	Listing Clerk	Family Court
Shavana Mohamed		
BasmattieRoopchand	Clerk 11	Personnel
Juilana Adams	Counter Clerk	Family Court
Nazeema Persaud		
Wanita Hussain	Office Assistant	Judicial
Johnson Beharry	Driver	Administration
Tadeam Boyce	Driver	Administration
Reyon Williams	Driver	Administration
Duniva Singh	Legal Clerk	Vreed-en-Hoop
Yonella Dotson		
Kimisha Boucher	Office Assistant	
Amacachi Maddison		Georgetown Magistrate Court
Samuel Moore		Georgetown Magistrate Court
Adrian Aaron		Judicial
Aalias Jones	Legal Clerk 11	Lethem
Jonelle Fields	Court Communications and Protocol	Supreme Court of Judicature

	Officer	
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Staff who left the Supreme Court in 2018

Names	Designation	Remarks
Khemraj Persaud	Clerk of Court 1	Resigned
Nickolas Chitram	Legal Clerk	
Sasha Henry	Legal Clerk	
Khadjah Todd	Typist Clerk 1	
Martin Weatherspoon		Dismissed
Selwin Jones	Legal Clerk	Resigned
Rebecca Datturam	Listing Clerk	Dismissed
Oshanna McRae	Scanning	Dismissed
ShevonSamaroo	Accounts Clerk	Resigned
Winston Warde	Marshal	Dismissed
Monique Watts	Legal Clerk 11	Resigned
ChandrautieShivmangal	Data Entry	Resigned
Shaquille Thomason	Office Assistant	Dismissed
LatchmanBissessar	Office Assistant	Dismissed
Kezia Lambert	Legal Clerk 11	Dismissed
Faith Douglas	Typist Clerk	Dismissed
Sylvina Griffith	Cleaner	Dismissed

Events of 2018:

In chronological order here are the main events of the Supreme Court of Judicature in pictures:

On February 2nd, 2018 the RupununiMagisterial District Office was declared opened



On March 12th, 2018 the sod was turned for the construction of Diamond/Grove Magistrate's Court



On October 31st, 2018 the Children's Court was officially declared open



On November 9th, 2018 the sod was turned for the construction of Bartica Magistrate's Court



On November 5th, 2018 the Supreme Court held its first Rangoli Competition for Diwali celebrations



On December 3rd, 2018 the sod was turned for the construction of the Mahdia Magistrate's Court. A tree planting exercise was also done on the site.



On December 7th, 2018 the SCOJ had its first Christmas Tree Light Up and Evening of Caroling.



On December 15th, 2018 the SCOJ hosted its Annual Staff Dinner and Appreciation Ceremony



Other notable events include:

The Chancellor's Dinner -December 21st, 2018

The Registrar's Dinner- December 28th, 2018

First Annual Dominoes Competition- November to December 2018

Obituary

Son of the soil-Guyana's 1st Attorney General passed away

Sir Fenton Ramsahoye, 89 years old, passed away on December 27th, 2018 on the island of Barbados after a brief period of illness. Sir Fenton Ramsahoye QC, SC, is one of seven siblings who grew up in Blankenburg, West Coast Demerara, and had a prominent legal career in which he pursued with passion from an early age.

In 1949 at age 20, London University awarded him a Bachelor of Arts Degree, at age 24, a Bachelor of Laws and at age 27, a Master of Laws. At age 24, he was called to the Bar by the Lincoln's Inn, while at age 30, he was awarded a Ph.D. in Comparative Land Law from London School of Economics and Political Science.



In 1971 Sir Fenton was elevated to the dignity of Senior Counsel. From 1961 to 1973 he served as a member of parliament of Guyana, and he was Guyana's first Attorney General from 1961 to 1964 and a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Guyana from 1962 to 1964. The late Dr. Ramsahoye was also head of the Hugh Wooding Law School from 1972 to 1975, a Professor and Deputy Director of Legal Education for the Council of Legal Education for the West Indies. His legal career flourished across the Caribbean enriching the legal landscape and earning international respect. He was a serving member of the bars of England and Wales, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Jamaica and the territories of the Eastern Caribbean Islands Including Montserrat and the British Virgin Islands. He was knighted in 2006 by Governor General Sir James Carlisle during a ceremony at Government House in Antigua, in recognition of his contributions in law.

Sir Ramsahoye will be greatly missed but his legacy will live on forever. May his soul rest in peace.