

The CCJ is committed to fostering greater accessibility to the court and increased efficiency in the processing of cases. During the period under review, in addition to its core work, the Registry also embarked upon a significant project to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Court. The Registry is in the final stages of implementing a pilot project for a new electronic case management system which includes an e-Filing Platform. The Court's objective is to reduce delay, increase efficiency in the judicial process and to improve the measurement of performance standards.

In 2015/6, the CCJ also saw a number of matters in both its Appellate and Original Jurisdictions.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION

For the period 1 August, 2015 to 31 July 2016, a total of 20 cases were filed under the Appellate Jurisdiction of the Court. Of these, 15 were notices of applications for special leave to appeal and 4 were granted leave to appeal.

Additionally, 4 criminal applications for special leave to appeal filed during the period 2014-2015 were granted leave to appeal. These matters were filed during the current year bringing the total number of appeals filed for this period to 13.

COURT SITTINGS

During the period under review, the Court sat 48 times. Below is a table showing the number and types of hearings conducted during that period.

Court Terms	Special leave to appeal	Special leave to appeal as poor person	Interlocutory Application	Case Management Conferences	Appeals	Judgments
First		3	3	2	4	3
Second	4			5	3	3
Third	3	3	4		4	4
Total	7	6	7	7	11	10

All applications were conducted by video conference through the relevant Supreme Court of the Contracting Parties in Barbados, Belize and Guyana. The appeals were heard at the Seat of the Court in Trinidad and Tobago.

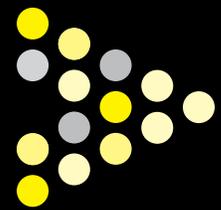
APPLICATIONS

Of the 15 applications for leave to appeal brought to this Court, 7 were filed from the Court of Appeal of Barbados, 2 from the Court of Appeal Belize and 6 from the Court of Appeal Guyana.

TIME TO DISPOSITION

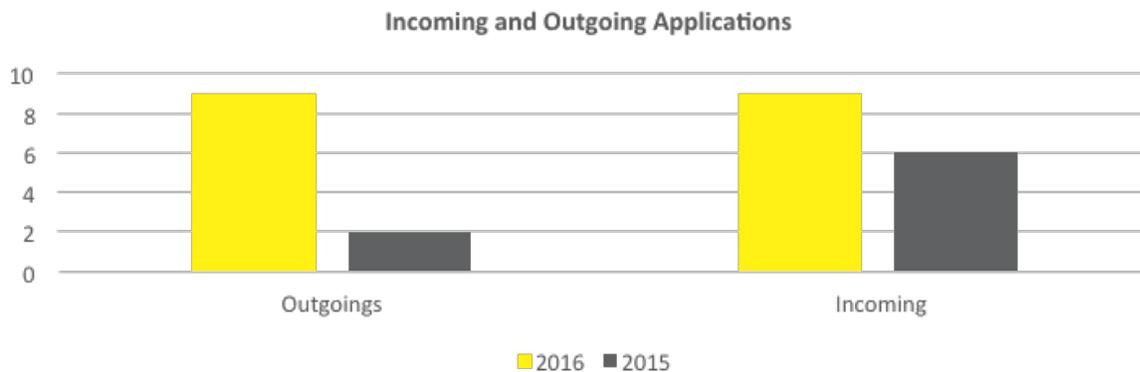
Below is a table and graph depicting the disposition of applications over a 9-month period.

Time to disposition	No of applications	Percentage disposed
0-90	3	27.27%
90-180	7	63.64%
181-270	1	9.09%
Total	11	100.00%



CLEARANCE RATES

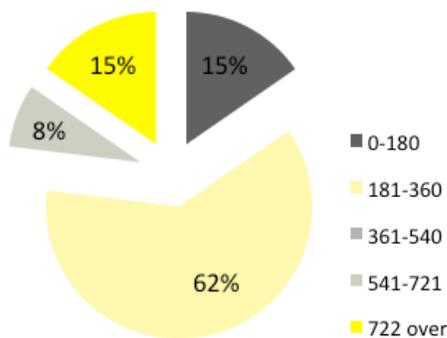
Below is a graphical presentation of the incoming and outgoing applications for special leave to appeal and clearance rates for the period August 2015-July 2016



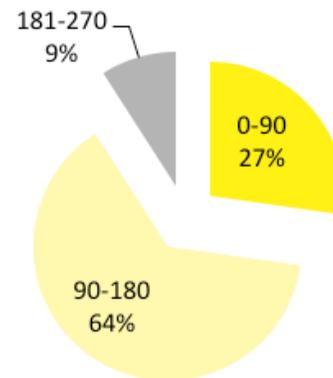
JUDGMENTS

Twenty-four judgments were delivered in the Appellate Jurisdiction. Of these, there were 13 appeals and 11 applications. The graphs below highlight the time-frame within which judgments were delivered by the Court during the period under review.

APPEAL DECISIONS



APPLICATION DECISIONS



ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

One new application was filed in the Original Jurisdiction for the period under review. The decision in the consolidated matters of Maurice Tomlinson v Belize and Maurice Tomlinson v Trinidad and Tobago was delivered on 10 June, 2016.