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Jersey Court Service Annual Report



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PURPOSE AND ORIGIN OF THE DEPARTMENTS

Judicial Greffe

The Judicial Greffe is a Department of the Judiciary responsible for the provision of secretarial, administrative and interlocutory support to the Island's Courts and Tribunals. Associated services are provided to the legal profession and the general public. The Department in its present form was established in 1931 by the "Loi (1931) constituant Le Département du Greffe Judiciaire".

Viscount's Department

The Viscount's Department is the executive arm of the Island's Courts and of the States Assembly. The Department's principal role is to execute orders of the Courts. In addition, the Department fulfils the duties of Coroner, administers *Désastre* (bankruptcy) and other insolvency proceedings, serves legal process and enforces fines and judgment debts. The Department in its present form was established in 1930 by the "Loi (1930) constituant Le Département du Vicomte".

In this report, the Judicial Greffe and Viscount's Department are described collectively as the Court Service.

2020 OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on 2020 business activity. A significant amount of work was devoted to finding alternative ways of delivering our services, keeping users safe, maintaining the resilience of staff, and participating in implementation of measures to support the local economy, all at the expense of making progress with 2020 action plans. With the crisis not yet over, this situation is likely to continue into 2021. However, the accelerated introduction of technology to allow services to be maintained which started in 2020 will continue, not least in respect of the Court Digital project which is expected to produce tangible benefits early in 2021.

The Court Service has been flexible and adaptable in ensuring that all essential services continue, so far as possible in the light of restrictions on work and personal environments. As a result of this experience, the new ways of working will continue to be captured, to ensure that we obtain all the benefits and learning points arising from this period of uncertainty.

This report is a combined report for 2019 and 2020. It is undoubtedly the case (as referred to above) that the pandemic has had a distorting effect on activity levels in the Courts, resulting in similar distortion of the data contained in the statistical digest in the appendices to this report. For example, fewer applications were made for civil proceedings, and the mediation service was suspended for a number of months.

Judicial Greffe

Samedi Team



The Samedi Team is responsible for providing a full support service to the Royal Court, including attending sittings as a Clerk, issuing and enrolling the Acts of Court in relation to proceedings and providing advice on Court procedure. The Team is also responsible for the registration of professionals, deeds poll, company reinstatements, court of protection orders, guardianships, reciprocal enforcement of judgements, the taxation of costs, considering applications for disbursements in support of legally aided litigants, registering and indexing orders in council, fidéicommis applications and supporting the Liquor Licensing Assembly.

Highlights for 2020

Acts of Court produced: 1,688	Criminal cases indicted: 77	Jury trials: 10 (lasting 40 days)
Liquor Licences granted: 55	Licensing Assemblies: 4 Extraordinary Licensing Assemblies: 8	Public Law children cases: 197
Process for digitalising the Courts commenced	Civil trial lasting 4 weeks held at Hotel Cristina	Hearings taking place during “stay at home” phase of lockdown (March-May): 35

Public Registry



The Public Registry is responsible for the management and protection of all land contracts and associated documents enrolled for the purpose of evidencing title to, or charges against, land.

Highlights for 2020

Stamp Duty received: £31,836,000	Value of property transactions registered: £1,083 million	Number of documents registered: 4,059
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Availability rate for Public Registry Online (over full year): **99.95%**



Family Team

The Family Team is responsible for providing a comprehensive service to the Royal Court for Family proceedings. These include causes for the termination of marriage (including nullity), dissolution of civil partnership, judicial separation cases, ancillary matters, and applications relating to children. The Family Team also deals with applications relating to legitimacy of children, adoption proceedings, care orders and child abduction. Reciprocal Enforcement of maintenance cases are also dealt with, involving liaison with foreign Courts. In addition, the Family Team deals with applications for the recognition and enforcement of Children Orders made in the UK.

Highlights for 2020

Divorce and judicial separation petitions filed: 175	Decrees Absolute granted: 169	Free standing private children applications filed: 45
Matrimonial Acts issued: 460	Preliminary directions hearings: 105	Case review hearings: 328



Interlocutory Services

The Master of the Royal Court deals with all disputed claims that are not criminal prosecutions and do not involve family or children matters. He is Jersey's civil procedural Judge and his function is to ensure that parties to a civil dispute take all necessary steps to ensure their cases are ready for trial before the Royal Court. He also deals with claims or defences that have no merit and is the mediator for disputed civil claims in the Petty Debts Court.

Highlights for 2020

Summonses issued: 83	Applications heard: 73	Acts produced: 421
Judgments written: 35	Case reports produced: 2	Cases heard at mediation: 74

Majority of hearings held remotely using appropriate technology

Probate and Protection Registry



The Probate Registry is responsible for examining, validating and granting to lawyers, trust corporations and members of the public the right to recover or receive any part of a Jersey estate. The Protection

Registry is responsible for dealing with Delegations and the registering of Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs).

Highlights for 2020

Number of grants issued: **1,392**

Total estates value: **£1,175,399,400**

Stamp Duty received: **£2,426,900**

Delegate cases at start of year: **270**

Delegate cases at end of year: **318**

LPAs (property/financial) registered: **476**

LPAs (health/welfare) registered: **358**

Appellate Team



The Appellate Team is responsible for the administrative arrangements for the Court of Appeal and the Court of Appeal Judges. This includes arranging the annual sitting rota, listing of all appeals received and preparation of documentation for each sitting. The Appellate Team act as clerk to the judges, attend all sittings, draft Acts of Court and provide procedural advice where required. The Court of Appeal has six scheduled sittings each year, however, the Appellate Team arrange any additional special sittings that are necessary.

Highlights for 2020

Appeals lodged with Court of Appeal: **25**

Superior Number appeals: **2**

Court of Appeal sittings (days): **14**

Special sittings: **1**

Intellectual Property Registry



The Judicial Greffe is responsible for maintaining the Registers of Trade Marks, Patents and Designs. The Registry houses the three registers and provides advice and associated services to industry specialists and members of the public. These are in the course of being transferred to the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

Highlights for 2020

Number of Trade Mark registrations: **46**

Number of Patents (registrations and updates): **24**

Number of Trade Mark updates: **247**

Tribunal Service



The Tribunal Service is responsible for the administration of the Jersey Employment and Discrimination Tribunal, the Social Security Income Support Tribunal, the Social Security Medical Tribunal, the Long Term Incapacity Tribunal, the Mental Health Appeals Tribunal, the Health and Safety Tribunal, Planning Appeals and the Charity Tribunal. The Jersey Employment and Discrimination Tribunal publishes an annual report available at www.tribunal.je.

Highlights for 2020

Claims to Employment and Discrimination Tribunal: 215	Planning Appeals: 33	Mental Health and Capacity Appeals: 31
No Planning or Social Security Tribunal hearings due to COVID-19 restrictions	Social Security Appeals: 13	Health and Safety Appeals: 1

Magistrate's, Youth and Petty Debts Courts



The Magistrate's, Youth and Petty Debts Courts service a constant daily throughput of Adult Remand Courts, Youth Courts, criminal trials, civil trials and Petty Debts Court hearings. The Magistrate's Court Greffe also provides a weekly mediation session for claims that fall within the Petty Debts Court jurisdiction and ad-hoc sessions for other mediation requirements.

Highlights for 2020

Number of cases dealt with by Magistrate's Court: 1,968	Number of cases dealt with by Youth Court: 126	New actions before Petty Debts Court: 2,217
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Value of claims in Petty Debts Court: **£5,638,621**

Viscount's Department

Enforcement



The Enforcement Team carries out enforcement functions, including judgment and fine enforcement, maintenance enforcement, arrest of persons for non-attendance in Court, service of judicial documents, holding and administration of bail money, and enforcement of Court Orders under Proceeds of Crime and Drug Trafficking Laws. The Team also enforces civil matters including civil Injunctions and, if granted, has the power of arrest in order to fulfil this duty. In addition, the Team manages juror selection and juror custodian duties for Assize Trials in the Royal Court.

Highlights for 2020

Number of fines imposed: 436 (value collected £2m)	Number of judgments enforced: 503 (value £1.8m)	Number of judicial documents served: 380 (value £25k)
Assets seized under Proceeds of Crime and Civil Asset Recovery: £48m	Confiscated assets amount realised: £969k	

Coroner Service



The role of Coroner is allocated to the Viscount although in most circumstances the Deputy Viscount actually functions as such. Relief Coroners also act from time to time. Coroners investigate sudden, unexpected and unnatural deaths which are reported to them via the Police. If someone dies when in a psychiatric nursing home, mental health establishment or children's home, the death must be reported to the Police, even if the death was expected by a doctor. If someone dies while held in custody by the Police or in prison, immediate notification must be made to the Coroner. The Coroner will authorise post-mortem examinations and hold inquests as needs be. Coroners also deal with enquiries from doctors in cases where the Coroner's authorisation is required for the doctor to issue a Medical Certificate of Fact and Cause of Death. Other duties include issuing permits for the removal of bodies from and into the Island, as well as exhumations. In terms of emergency planning, in a major incident the Coroner has a specific role in the management of mass fatalities and more generally, as evidenced during the COVID-19 emergency, the management of excess death during a pandemic.

Highlights for 2020

Reported deaths: 162 (approx 23% of all registered deaths in Jersey)	Approvals for doctors to issue a certificate of fact and cause of death: 298	Inquests held and completed: 46
Nearly two thirds of all deaths in 2020 involved the Viscount as Coroner	As part of emergency response to COVID-19 pandemic, for approx 7 months, all deaths in the community were referred to the Coroner Service for authorisation	Coroner Service had a central role in emergency planning and measures taken in management of death matters during COVID-19 pandemic

Insolvency



The Insolvency Team carries out a number of functions in addition to its core activity of administering the property of persons who have been declared *en désastre* (bankrupt). Over the year, the incidence of bankruptcy locally remained low. Two properties were sold which included a castle in Scotland, the sale of which completed during lockdown. There continues to be no interest in the Debt Remission Order (no applications in 2019 or 2020). The Viscount made an application to the Royal Court to extend the period of a personal bankruptcy beyond the usual four years, to allow completion of complex court proceedings in England. The Court agreed to extend the bankruptcy by three years. In the same case, the Court of Appeal rejected a late application by the bankrupt for leave to appeal against the making of the *en désastre* order. Cross border applications increased during the year, highlighting the impact of the pandemic on industry in the UK.

Highlights for 2020

New bankruptcies declared: **3**

Cases completed: **3**

Désastre checks carried out: **12,400**

Personal bankrupts discharged: **1**

Number of properties sold: **2**

Cross border applications: **4** to Jersey Court, **3** out of Jersey Court

Delegate Work



The main difference in 2020 was an enforced lack of contact with clients due to the pandemic. For most, this was easily managed but some clients who had been regular visitors to the Department found this change more difficult. A particular concern was ensuring that clients who received money from the Department continued to do so when our offices were closed. A second Delegate Case Officer was recruited to bring the team to full complement. Six clients died during the course of the year, exactly balancing the number of new clients taken on. Although the policy of accepting delegate clients on a “last resort” basis only continues, there has been a significant increase in the complexity of needs and assets of some clients, and the demand their requirements place on staff.

Highlights for 2020

Cases at start of year: **31**

Cases closed: **6**

New cases: **6**

Cases at end of year: **31**

Regulatory

Under legislation associated with the Capacity and Self-Determination (Jersey) Law 2016, the Viscount has powers to investigate complaints or concerns raised by interested parties against individuals who have

been appointed as delegates or as attorneys under Lasting Powers of Attorney. To date, the incidence of complaints has been low (7 in 2019 and 3 in 2020). No complaints have been upheld.



Court Services Team

The Court Services Team organises and manages juries for assize (jury) trials, deals with applications for exemption from court fees and stamp duty, issues convening notices for sittings of the Royal Court and other bodies and provides administrative support for the Coroner team and the Department as a whole.

Highlights for 2020

Assize trial process started: 23	Assize trials completed: 7 (lasting a total of 36 days)	Jury summonses: 1,057
Witness summonses: 83	Certificates of exemption from court fees: 104	Convening notices: 3



Accounts Team

The Accounts Team provides the reception and cash desk for the Viscount's Department, including receipt of fines, judgments, bail receipts and payments, and delegate cash payments. All transactions relating to Viscount's Department third party assets (delegate funds, maintenance, insolvency, compensation, criminal injuries compensation, proceeds of crime and drug trafficking offences) are also undertaken by the Accounts Team. Payment of all invoices and receipt of all income, for the Court Service as a whole, is undertaken on a daily basis, along with management of budgets and regular provision of financial and accounting information to the Treasury.

Highlights for 2020

Total Stamp Duty collected: £34,263,000	Court and Case costs expenditure: £3,938,300	Underspend of Court and Case costs, transferred to other departments: £501,700
Judicial Greffe grant to Family Mediation Jersey: £72,300	Viscount's Department over-achieved income: £1.1m (corporate fine of £0.5m under Proceeds of Crime Law, commission of £0.5m, recovered Court and Case costs of £0.1m)	Judicial Greffe underachieved income: £0.2m (£0.1m previously received from Planning for which there is now a budget, £0.1m spread across other income streams)

STRATEGIC ISSUES

Law Reform

During the period, the Court Service identified and commented on changes required in primary and subordinate legislation affecting the operation of the Courts or the core services provided by the Court Service. In particular, work on or review of the following items of legislation was completed.

- Civil Marriage (Jersey) Law 201-
- Civil Partnership (Jersey) Law 2012.
- Inquests and Post-Mortem Examinations (Jersey) Law 1995.
- Maintenance Orders (Enforcement) (Jersey) Law 1999.
- Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) (Jersey) Law 2000.
- Civil Marriage Rules 201-
- Civil Partners Causes Rules 2012.

International Dimensions

The Court Service has always represented the Island in a number of international fora (through participation in and hosting of conferences, attendance at regional meetings, and through secretariat membership) and continued to do so in 2019 and 2020, although several of these events were held online/remotely in 2020. These included:

- International Association of Insolvency Regulators.
- Free Access to Law Movement.
- Coroners' Society of England and Wales.
- Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association.
- Criminal Assets Management and Enforcement Regulators Association.
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
- INSOL (International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals).

Corporate Social Responsibility

During the period, the Court Service continued to maintain its Corporate Social Responsibility policy. The Court Service contributed to a number of charities throughout the year by various fund raising efforts, including dress-down days, a cake sale, sponsored walks, and collections. Organisations that have benefited include Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Jersey Hospice, Headway, Comic Relief and Cancer Relief.

Complaints and Compliments

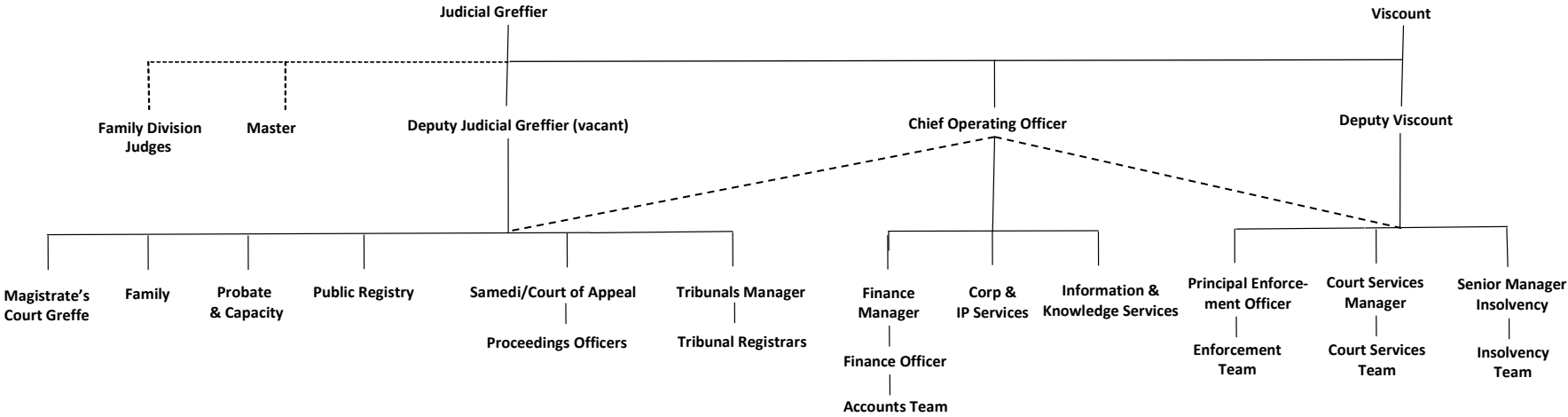
During the period, the Court Service continued to maintain a register of complaints and compliments. In 2020, the Court Service received 5 formal complaints (2019: 5) and 12 formal compliments (2019: 13).

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APPENDIX A – COURT SERVICE FUNCTIONAL ORGANISATION



APPENDIX B – JUDICIAL GREFFE STATISTICAL DIGEST

	2019	2020	% change 2019 to 2020
Samedi Section			
Actions before the Royal Court			
New Actions	329	484	47%
Placed on the Pending List	84	43	-49%
Acts of Court issued	1,878	1,688	-10%
Number of Court Sittings	745	637	-14%
Orders in Council registered	19	13	-32%
Jury trials completed	11	10	-9%
Dégrévement Hearings	0	2	-
Applications for Remise de Biens	0	1	-
Consent Orders	192	245	28%
Actions before the Greffier Substitute			
Registration of professionals	28	26	-7%
Registration of Deeds poll	76	62	-18%
Registration of Court of Protection Orders	69	58	-16%
Company reinstatements	60	41	-32%
Inquests	59	46	-22%
Guardianships	2	1	-50%
Magistrate's Court Appeals			
Lodged	10	13	30%
Heard	7	6	-14%
Liquor Licences			
Licences Granted	47	55	17%
Ex parte applications (vary/extend licence)	0	12	-
Managers Registered	62	97	56%
Taxation of Costs			
Civil bills of costs	44	22	-50%
Criminal bills of costs	45	23	-49%
Legal Aid Disbursements			
Occasions granted (invoices paid)	807	871	8%
Legally aided litigants	217	182	-16%
Expenditure	£2,026,060	£1,897,269	-6%
Public Registry			
Documents Registered/Cancelled			
Contracts	1,919	1,927	0%
Procurations	1,421	2,420	70%
Obligations	1,912	1,860	-3%
Cancellations	1,743	1,631	-6%
Stamp Duty received	£28,909,000	£31,836,000	10%
Contracts & Wills	£25,705,000	£28,773,000	12%
Judicial Hypothecs	£3,204,000	£3,063,000	-4%

	2019	2020	% change 2019 to 2020
Documents registered in the Public Registry	3,997	4,059	2%
Value of property transactions registered *	£955,000,000	£1,083,000,000	13%

* Excluding value of properties transferred by Deeds of Gift or bequeathed in Wills of Immovable Estate

Probate Section

Number of Grants issued	1,545	1,392	-10%
Total estates value	£402,320,800	£1,175,399,400	192%
Number of Delegates formed	81	53	-35%
LPAs registered	1,057	834	-21%
Stamp Duty received	£2,566,500	£2,426,900	-5%

Family Section

Free standing private children applications filed	62	45	-27%
Preliminary directions hearing	268	105	-61%
Case review hearing	281	328	17%
Summonses heard (half day or more)	29	31	7%
Family/children Acts issued	319	346	8%
Adoptions (2 Orders per child)	6	3	-50%
Nisi Acts issued	173	194	12%
Matrimonial Acts issued	458	460	0%
Reciprocal Orders	5	2	-60%
Parental Responsibility Agreements	22	29	32%
Decrees Absolute issued	209	169	-19%
Petitions filed	211	175	-17%
Hearings vacated/settled	191	173	-9%

Interlocutory Services

Summonses issued	106	83	-22%
Applications heard	105	73	-30%
Judgments	29	35	21%
Acts issued (including Consent Order)	489	421	-14%
Cases heard at mediation	99	74	-25%
Case reports produced	1	2	100%

Appellate Section

Appeals lodged with Court of Appeal	20	25	25%
Superior Number Appeals	2	2	0%
Court of Appeal sittings (days)	13	14	8%
Number of Unreported Judgments (published)	300	316	5%
Number of File and party Judgments (unpublished)	135	95	-30%
Transcripts of evidence - transcripts produced	47	82	74%

Intellectual Property Registry

Trade Marks Registrations	63	46	-27%
Patents (Registrations & Updates)	37	24	-35%
Designs (Registrations & Updates)	1	0	-100%
Trade Marks Updates	439	247	-44%

Tribunal Service

JEDT Applications: Employment	152	156	-35%
JEDT Applications: Discrimination	98	59	-22%

	2019	2020	% change 2019 to 2020
Case management meetings	150	127	-15%
Interim hearings	17	22	29%
Full hearings	42	36	-14%
Pending at year end	77	51	-34%
Income Support Medical Appeal Hearings	1	0	-100%
Social Security Medical Appeal Hearings	9	9	0%
Social Security Appeal Hearings	6	6	0%
Mental Health Appeal Applications	31	26	-16%
Mental Health Appeal Hearings	16	13	-19%
Capacity Reviews	0	7	-
Capacity Hearings	0	5	-
Health and Safety Applications	0	1	-
Planning Appeals	38	33	-13%
Total number of cases received	337	294	-13%
Magistrate's Court			
Non parking cases completed	875	547	-37%
Cases committed to Royal Court	98	75	-23%
Parking cases completed	776	218	-72%
Total completed cases	1,749	840	-52%
Non parking persons			
Non parking persons	740	508	-31%
Persons committed to Royal Court	94	73	-22%
Parking persons	389	105	-73%
Total persons	1,223	686	-44%
Non parking arrest			
Non parking arrest	87	80	-8%
Parking arrest	740	220	-70%
Total arrests	827	300	-64%
Total remands			
Total remands	1,353	751	-44%
Total volume of case work			
Total volume of case work	3,748	1,900	-49%
Youth Court			
Total cases	44	51	16%
Total Youths	40	43	8%
Royal Court committals	0	4	-
Remands	32	67	109%
Arrests	1	0	-100%
Petty Debts Court			
Actions	3,153	2,217	-30%
New actions	2,053	1,468	-28%
Judgments	1,356	1,045	-23%

	2019	2020	% change 2019 to 2020
Taxation of Costs			
Criminal Bills of Costs	26	20	-23%
Mediation Sessions			
Sessions conducted before the Master	99	74	-25%
Contested cases			
Direct to mediation	99	74	-25%
Direct to pleadings	0	0	0%
Cases settled	81	55	-32%
Trials	0	0	0%
Tenancy	51	0	-100%
Family	2	0	-100%
Total Value	£7,771,620	£5,638,621	-27%
Stamp Duty	£97,647	£51,115	-48%

APPENDIX C – VISCOUNT’S DEPARTMENT STATISTICAL DIGEST

	2019	2020	% change 2019 to 2020
Enforcement			
Fines imposed and amounts collected			
Number imposed	823	436	-47%
Value of fines imposed	£1,851,274	£1,244,088	-33%
Amount collected	£923,236	£2,008,988	-27%
Receipt of bail moneys			
Persons bailed	340	91	-73%
Money received	£59,780	£13,020	-78%
Arrest Orders			
Number of Arrest Orders	5,785	5,786	0%
Service of Process			
Service of Judicial documents	1,569	380	-76%
Value of fees collected	£42,045	£25,220	-40%
Costs			
Number imposed	29	19	-34%
Value imposed	£43,920	£49,100	12%
Compensation Orders			
Number imposed	110	65	-41%
Value imposed	£1,013,184	£284,053	-72%

	2019	2020	% change 2019 to 2020
Judgments received and processed			
Number lodged	904	503	-44%
Total amount collected	£924,599	£303,524	-67%
Evictions			
Number of evictions carried out	9	8	-11%
Maintenance Orders under enforcement			
Number of Maintenance Orders under enforcement	63	63	0%
Proceeds of Crime			
Non-Saisie Confiscation Orders			
Local	12	20	67%
External	0	0	0%
Total	12	20	67%
Approximate value of assets arrested	£5,581	£10,272	84%
Proceeds of Crime - Saisies Judiciaires			
New cases (including Drug Trafficking)			
Local	2	1	-50%
External	1	0	-100%
Total	3	1	-67%
Approximate value of assets arrested	£446,554	£212,119	-52%
Confiscations (concluded cases): Proceeds of Crime			
Number	7	3	-57%
Value (net)	£285,385	£959,137	236%
Value (net)	\$0	\$0	0%
Cases discharged	1	1	0%
Cases carried forward into following year			
Local	8	9	13%
External	11	11	0%
Total	19	20	5%
Approximate asset value	£33,844,001	£32,688,991	-3%
Civil Asset Recovery			
New cases			
Local	0	0	0%
External	0	0	0%
Total	0	0	0%
Approximate value of assets arrested	£0	£0	0%
Confiscations (concluded cases): Civil Asset Recovery			
Number	0	0	0%
Value (net)	£0	£0	0%
Cases discharged	0	0	0%
Cases carried forward into following year			
Local	0	0	0%

	2019	2020	% change 2019 to 2020
External	1	1	0%
Total	1	1	0%
Approximate asset value	£16,310,885	£15,484,303	-5%
Civil Proceedings Forfeiture of Assets			
New cases			
Local	2	1	-50%
External	0	0	0%
Total	2	1	-50%
Approximate value of assets arrested	£17,129	£0	-100%
Assizes			
Trial process started	17	23	35%
Trials not completed	9	18	100%
Trials completed	11	7	-36%
Days	49	36	-27%
Juror exemptions	362	492	36%
Jury summonses	845	1,057	25%
Witnesses	103	83	-19%
Jurors given financial assistance	3	0	-100%
Coroner			
Reported Deaths			
Inquest cases	55	67	22%
Cleared after autopsy	51	37	-27%
Cleared by doctor's cert etc	59	58	-2%
	165	162	-2%
Deaths reported as % of all registered deaths*	21%	23%	10%
Unreported Deaths			
Approvals for doctor to issue cert of fact and cause	113	298 ⁺⁺	164%
Permits Issued			
Import/export of bodies	30	17	-43%
Exhumation	24 ⁺	0	-100%
Inquests Concluded**			
Accident/misadventure	11	14	27%
Drugs/alcohol	2	7	250%
Industrial disease	0	0	0%
Lawful/unlawful killing	0	1	-
Natural causes	28	18	-36%
Open	5	3	-40%
Road traffic collision	1	0	-100%
Stillbirth	0	0	0%
Suicide	9	2	-78%
Narrative	0	1	-
Total number of inquests completed	56	46	-18%
Inquest cases carried forward to following year	28	40	43%

* Based on a total of 718 deaths registered in Jersey in 2020 (although there were 753 actual deaths in Jersey in 2020). Source: "Births, Deaths, Stillbirths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships registered in the 12 parishes of the Island of Jersey for the year 2020". R29/2021.

** The finding of an inquest in Jersey is given in a narrative form. However, for statistical purposes for the Annual Report, these findings are re-classified into the short-form conclusions used in England and Wales. The table above has been modified for this Annual Report to include all of the short-form conclusions in England and Wales which were revised by the coming into force of the Coroners (Inquest) Rules 2013.

† Closure of the cemetery of the Little Sisters of the Poor, St Helier.

†† During the COVID-19 pandemic, for approximately 7 months, all deaths in the community were referred to the Coroner Service for authorisation.

	2019	2020	% change 2019 to 2020
Désastre			
Declared	3	3	0%
Completed	4	3	-25%
Discharges of personal bankrupts			
Granted	0	1	-
Extended	0	1	-
Sales of immovable property			
Number of properties	3	2	-33%
Value	£928,500	£1,906,000	105%
Debt Remission Orders			
Number of applications received	0	0	0%
Orders granted	0	0	0%
Désastre checks			
Checks conducted	14,069	12,408	-12%
Charges invoiced	£252,150	£227,575	-10%
Remise de Biens applications			
Applications received	1	0	-100%
Applications granted	1	0	-100%
Cross border applications			
Applications granted	3	4	33%
Applications pending	0	1	-
Request for assistance out of Jersey Court			
Applications granted	1	3	200%
Delegate clients			
Appointments	8	6	-25%
Cases closed	0	6	-
Under administration at year end	31	31	0%
Vues de Vicomte			
In progress	0	1	-
Other functions of the Viscount			
Attend sittings of the States	23	28	22%
Bear Royal Mace and Seal on official occasions	12	7	-42%



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