



Royal Court of Jersey
Judicial Greffe & Viscount's
Department

2023 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. It has a diverse range of functions but the Department's principal role is to execute orders of the Courts on behalf of the Viscount. In addition, the Department manages seized assets, manages jury selection, fulfils the duties of Coroner, administers Désastre (bankruptcy) and other insolvency proceedings, acts as official delegate for those who lack capacity to manage their own property and affairs and regulates liquidators and delegates s. 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 the Viscount's Department are referred to collectively as the Court Service.

2023 Operational and Administrative Activity

Judicial Appointments

In September 2023, Advocate Rebecca Morley-Kirk took up the post of Judicial Greffier becoming Jersey's first female Judicial Greffier.

Following the retirement of the Viscount Advocate Matthew Swan, Advocate Mark Harris was appointed Viscount in November 2023. Mark Harris previously served as Deputy Viscount from 2013.

Advocate David Cadin was sworn in as Master of the Royal Court in February 2023. His predecessor Advocate Matthew Thompson became a Commissioner of the Royal Court.

The Assistant Magistrate Peter Harris retired in July 2023 after fourteen years in the role. He was succeeded in September 2023 by Advocate Adam Clarke the former Judicial Greffier

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 to the Court, 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, deed polls, company reinstatements, court of protection orders, guardianships, reciprocal enforcement of judgments, the taxation of costs, considering applications for disbursements in support of legally aided litigants, registering and indexing orders in court,

fidéicomis applications and supporting the Liquor Licensing Assembly. In 2023 there were 672 Royal Court Hearings.

2023 Highlights

Acts of Court produced:	1803
New criminal cases before the Royal Court:	118
Liquor Licences Granted:	62
Number of Jury Trials:	18
Licensing Assemblies:	4
Extraordinary Licensing Assemblies:	5

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 in Jersey.

2023 Highlights

The Public Registry made amendments to the Pride system in response to legislative changes in late 2022 and reviewed the Pride system to identify any further changes required to future proof the database.

There was a sharp decline in the amount of stamp duty received (a percentage change of -37% between 2022 and 2023). The value of property transactions registered also fell sharply from £1,309,282,000 in 2022 to £687,333,000 in 2023.

Family Court

The Family Court 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 Court also deals with applications relating to the 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.

In 2023 the Family Division received the Innovation Champions Award in the public sector's Our Stars Awards. This recognised the success of the alternative dispute resolution service the '[Family Foundation](#)'. Initially run as a trial this service helps families in the Island to avoid court proceedings

2023 Highlights

Number of divorce judicial separation petitions filed:	161
Decrees Absolute granted:	127
Free standing private children applications filed:	49
Matrimonial acts issued:	355
Preliminary directions hearings:	105
Case Review hearings:	214
Number of applications to the Family Foundation:	77
Number of applications which proceeded to joint sessions:	32
Number which reached agreement:	29

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 Depts Court.

The new Master took up his post in February 2023. Initially, he managed the Royal Court's civil cases reactively in response to summonses issued by parties. By the start of Quarter 3, that process had changed and cases were, and still are, being managed more actively. Although the statistics are limited, those that are available seem to suggest that this more active approach leads to more cases settling. In addition, the Master is one of the mediators for the Petty Debts Court. This free service settles over 70% of the contested cases at an early stage (before pleadings are filed, before discovery and before witness statements are exchanged). Both aspects of the role assist in reducing some of the pressures in the island's civil justice system.

2023 Highlights

Summonses Processed	141
Acts Issued including Consent Orders	256
Judgments & Decisions	27
Cases heard at Mediations	82
Number of Mediations Settled	50

Probate and Protection Registry

The Probate and Protection 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, Tutelles and the registration of Lasting Powers of Attorney.

The Probate and Protection team saw a continued increase in the number of Lasting Powers of Attorneys registered - up 20% in 2023 from 2022. The number of Probate grants issued by December 2023 was 1,625 compared with 1,550 issued in 2022.

Amendments to the Probate (Jersey) Law 1998 came into force on 27 October 2023. These changes provide new arrangements for the management of movable assets situated in Jersey, where the value of moveable estate does not exceed £30,000, subject to certain conditions. The Judicial Greffe worked closely with policy leads and the Law Officer's Department in bringing about these amendments which are anticipated to be a real help to local estates.

2023 Highlights

Number of grants issued:	1,625
Total estates value:	£579,902,558
Stamp Duty received:	£3,299,625
Delegate cases at start of year:	328
Delegate cases at end of year:	348
LPAs (property/financial) registered:	892
LPAs (health/welfare) registered:	792

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 acts as Clerk to the judges, attend all sittings, drafts Acts of Court and provides procedural advice where required. The Court of Appeal has six scheduled sittings each year, however the Appellate Team arranges any additional special sittings that are necessary.

2023 Highlights

Appeals lodged with Court of Appeal:	27
Superior Number appeals:	1
Court of Appeal sittings (days):	18

Intellectual Property Registry

The Judicial Greffe has responsibility 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. The number of Trade Marks and Patents registered in 2023 grew significantly.

2023 Highlights

Number of Trade Mark registrations:	90
Number of Patents (registrations and updates):	45
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.

2023 Highlights

Claims to Employment and Discrimination Tribunal	232
Planning Appeals	49
Mental Health and Capacity Appeals	39
Social Security appeals	5

Magistrate's, Youth and Petty Debts Court

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

In 2023 the Magistrate's Court Team won the prize for Customer Service Excellence at the public sector's Our Stars Awards.

The Magistrate's Court sat on 323 occasions to consider criminal matters including trials, legal argument, directions hearings, sentencing and parking matters. There was an increase in the number of cases sent to the Royal Court (123 in 2023 compared to 74 in the previous year).

2023 Highlights

Number of cases dealt with by Magistrate's Court:	1,772
Number of cases dealt with by Youth Court:	112
New actions before Petty Debts Court:	2,533
Value of claims in Petty Debts Court:	£7,534,654

Courts Digital Programme

The Courts Digital Programme has a remit to implement appropriate technology to make the courts more efficient and improve access to justice. To date the project has delivered the following:

- Implementation of the Case Center e-bundling software for paperless hearings, making working with bundles easier for the judiciary advocates and parties, saving time and reducing environmental impact.
- Upgrade of video conferencing facilities in the Magistrate's Court, Tribunal Service and HV Benest room, making it easier for witnesses to appear remotely, reducing travel and improving the resilience of courts in the event of another pandemic or similar disruption.
- Improved Wi-Fi in the Magistrate's Court, enabling counsel to reliably connect to their firm's systems to download documents.
- Adoption of new technology by Judges, Jurats, Commissioners and tribunal chairs, including laptops, touch screens and Microsoft 365.
- Change of the email addresses used by court to @courts.je reflecting the independence from Government.
- Improved communication, collaboration and document management through training all courts staff to use Microsoft Teams and Microsoft SharePoint.
- The project team has also analysed and rigorously documented the Courts' existing processes and systems.

Viscount's Department

Enforcement

The Enforcement Team is responsible for day-to-day enforcement of orders and directions issued by all Courts. These are wide ranging, including debt judgments, maintenance orders and evictions. It is responsible for enforcing saisies judiciaires and other property restraint orders. The Team also manages juror selection and juror custodian duties for Assize (Jury) Trials in the Royal Court.

In October 2023, the Viscount and senior officers of the Enforcement Team took part in the evaluation and made submissions, mainly concerning the effectiveness of the Viscount's management of seized assets, to the assessment team of the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL) during its on-site visit to Jersey. The MONEYVAL final report is due in 2024.

During 2023 Jersey, was granted observer status as part of the Balkan Asset Management Interagency Network (Bamin) and a representative of the Viscount's Department attended the Annual General Meeting.

2023 Highlights

Number of fines imposed:	865
Fine value collected:	£587,817
Compensation Orders imposed:	74
Value collected:	£69,219
Number of judgments enforced:	759
Value collected:	£322,71
Assets seized under Proceeds of Crime and Civil Asset Recovery:	£6,088,509
Confiscated amounts realised:	£1,332,254

Insolvency

The Insolvency Team administers the désastre regime pursuant to the Bankruptcy (Désastre) (Jersey) Law 1990 and maintains the désastre search services used by law firms. It assists the Royal Court with insolvency matters generally, including applications from foreign jurisdictions for recognition and assistance. In 2023 there was a significant increase in the number of approved liquidators both in Jersey and overseas.

Delegates

In certain circumstances where there is no other appropriate person or finances are very limited, the Viscount is appointed by the Royal Court to manage the property and financial affairs of those who do not have the capacity to do so for themselves. In 2023, there was a general increase in the number of delegate appointments.

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.

The number of complaints the department dealt with relating to delegates or attorneys under Lasting Powers of Attorney increased in 2023 from eight in the previous year to thirteen. Five complaints remained under investigation at the end of the year.

The Viscount has a similar regime for the regulation of liquidators in Jersey.

2023 Highlights for Insolvency, Delegate Work and Regulatory

Désastres declared	1
Désastres completed	6
Discharges of personal bankrupts granted	1
Désastre checks conducted	18,002
Cross border applications granted	1
Delegate client appointments	12
Delegate clients under administration at year end	63
Deceased clients awaiting probate	8
Approved Liquidators in Jersey	10
Approved Liquidators overseas	30
Total assets under administration	£2,953,605

Court Services and Coroner Team

The Court Services Team conducts certain administrative functions on behalf of the Court, including organising juries for assize trials, delivery of court notices and processes applications for exemption from stamp duty and court fees. It also provides administrative support for the Coroner team.

In 2023 the Assize Trial juror selection process was commenced 29 times – a 61% increase on 2022. There was also a significant increase in the number of Jury summonses (up 35% on the previous year).

The Coroner Service had a central role in the emergency response to the major incident Haut de Mont explosion and also the L'Ecume II fishing boat collision in December 2022 which continued into

the first few months of 2023. There was also an increase in the number of deaths generally over the winter period 2022/23 which also had an impact on the volume of work for the coronial team

2023 Highlights

Coroner

Reported deaths:	233 - a 11% increase on 2022
Approvals for doctors to issue a certificate of fact and cause of death	192
Inquests held and completed	50
Import/export of body permits	35
% of all deaths in Jersey which involved the Viscount as coroner	50% - a 10% increase on 2022

Assize and other court services

Assize trial process started	29
Assize trials completed	21
Jury summonses	1575
Assize trial days	113
Certificates of exemption from court fees	23 – a 72% decrease on 2022

Accounts Team

The Accounts Team provides the cash desk for the Viscount's Department, including receipt of fines, judgements, bail receipts and payments and delegate cash payments. It also undertakes 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). The team manages the budgets and financial transactions for the Court Service as a whole and provides financial and accounting information to the Treasury on a regular basis.

Strategic and Governance Matters

Law Reform

In 2023 the Department engaged with amendments to legislation that affected the operation of the Courts or the services provided by the Judicial Greffe and the Viscount's Department. In particular:

- Amendments to the Probate (Jersey) Law 1998 which came into force in October 2023. These changes provide new arrangements for the management of movable assets situated in Jersey. Probate (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 2023 – Exception for small estates not exceeding £30,000 – Release of movable estate without the production of a Grant of Probate.
- Bankruptcy (Désastre) (Amendment No. 3) Jersey Order 2023 – Increased limit on wages, salary, holiday and bonuses given priority.
- Stamp Duties and Fees (Amendment of Law – No. 6) (Jersey) Regulations 2023 – ability to charge stamp duty in respect of the following: Applications for Orders in Aid in Bankruptcy

and Insolvency Matters (Consultation with Viscount); Monitoring by Viscount of any applications for Dégrèvement; Viscount assisting with Remise de Biens matters.

Corporate Social Responsibility

During 2023 the Court Service continued to maintain its Corporate Social Responsibility policy. Members of the Court Service contributed to several charities throughout the year via various fund-raising efforts. These included the efforts of the Court Service Swimathon Team which raised £85,000 for three food banks and a Secret Santa appeal initiative organised by the Family Court. Recipients included Brighter Futures and St Ewold's Nursing Home. Following feedback from the public sector wide Be Heard Survey the departments increased focus on wellbeing initiatives.

Complaints and Compliments

The Court Service has a complaints policy which can be found here: [How to make a complaint to the Jersey Court Service \(gov.je\)](#). It maintains a register of complaints and compliments. In 2023 thirteen complaints and ten compliments were logged.

Data Protection, Information Security and Freedom of Information

The Court Service has engaged with the Government's Cyber Security initiatives. Encryption is used to manage the secure transfer of digital files outside of Government systems. In 2023 the Court Service reported twenty-five security issues none of which were serious.

All employees of the Court Service undertake mandatory Information Security and Data Protection Training and, in July 2023, the Court Service invited the Jersey Office of the Information Commission to provide further training to staff on data protection matters.

In 2023 the Court Service handled four Subject Access Requests and twenty-eight Freedom of Information requests.

Health and Safety

The health and safety and wellbeing of all Court Service Staff is a priority. The Court Service follows the Government of Jersey's Corporate Health and Safety Policy to establish specific arrangements to:

- Prevent work related injury or illness;
- Provide a safe working environment;
- Safeguard the mental health of employees at work; and
- Encourage and support employees to take care of their own, health, safety and wellbeing as well as that of their colleagues at work.

The Court Service actively monitors Health, Safety and Well-being performance and has controls in place to ensure mitigation of key risks identified at departmental level.

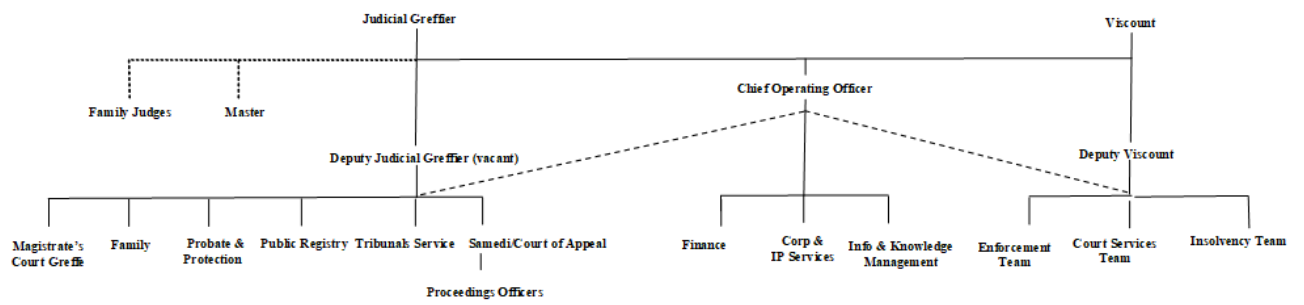
Non-Ministerial Departments' Audit Committee

In 2022 the States of Jersey appointed a Non-Ministerial Independent Audit Committee to oversee the governance arrangements and use of resources of non-ministerial departments. This followed a recommendation by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

The Committee provides independent counsel, support and constructive challenge to the Accountable Officers of the Non-Ministerial Departments including the Judicial Greffier and the Viscount. It is designed to provide assurance of the highest standards of corporate governance.

The Court Service has engaged proactively with the States of Jersey Non-Ministerial Independent Audit Committee throughout 2023. The Committee did not find any significant concerns in relation to the Court Service

Appendix A – Court Service Functional Organisation



Appendix B – Judicial Greffe Statistical Digest

Samedi Section	2022	2023	%change 2022 to 2023
Actions Before the Royal Court			
New Actions	247	263	6%
Placed on the Pending List	58	45	-22%
Acts of Court issued	1711	1803	-21%
Number of Court Sittings	732	176	-76%
Orders in Council registered	37	19	-49%
Jury trials completed	18	18	0%
Dégrévement Hearings	0	0	
Applications for Remise de Biens	0	0	
Consent Orders	200	84	-58
Actions before the Greffier Substitute			
Registration of professionals	38	29	-24%
Registration of Deeds poll	88	70	-20%
Registration of Court Protection Orders	67	19	-72%
Company reinstatements	18	38	111%
Inquests	52	48	-8%
Guardianships	1	0	
Magistrate's Court Appeals			
Lodged	10	20	100%
Heard	8	7	-13%
Liquor Licences			
Licences Granted	45	62	38%
Ex parte applications (vary/extend licence)	8	7	-13%
Managers Registered	90	105	17%
Taxation of Costs			
Civil bills of costs	15	20	33%
Criminal bills of costs	34	8	-76%
Legal Aid Disbursements			
Occasions granted (invoices paid)	436		
Legally aided litigants ¹	220	196	-11%
Expenditure	£435,667		

¹ This includes the Civil Legal Aid disbursements and Criminal Legal Aid disbursements. It excludes Ex-Gratia legal fees, Amicus legal fees, payments under the new Legal Aid Scheme and Public Law disbursements.

Probate Section	2022	2023	%change 2022 to 2023
Number of Grants Issued	1,550	1,625	5%
Total estates value	£756,275,706	£579,902,588	-23%
Number of delegates formed	328	79	-76%
LPAs registered	1139	1684	48%
Stamp Duty Received	£3,149,950	£3,299,625	5%

Public Registry	2022	2023	% change 2022 to 2023
Documents Registered/Cancelled			
Contracts	2,140	1,364	-36%
Procurations	1,733	1,033	-40%
Obligations	2,342	1,209	-48%
Cancellations	1,892	1,429	-24%
Stamp Duty Received	£46,178,000	£29,095,000	-37%
Contracts and Wills	£40,822,000	£26,619,000	-35%
Judicial Hopothecs	£5,355,000	£2,476,000	-54%
Documents registered in the Public Registry	4,482	2,573	-43%
Value of property transactions registered*	£1,309,282,000	£687,333,000	-48%

Interlocutory Services	2022	2023	%change 2022 to 2023
Summonses issued	72	141	96%
Applications heard	77	71	-8%
Judgments	29	27	-7%
Acts issued (including Consent Order)	295	256	-13%
Cases heard at mediation	53	82	55%
Case reports produced	1	N/A	
Mediations Settled	46	50	9%

Family Court	2022	2023	%change 2022 to 2023
Freestanding private children applications filed	61	49	-20%
Preliminary directions hearing	74	105	42%
Case review hearing	193	214	11%
Summonses heard (half day or more)	52	54	4%
Family/Childrens Acts issued	222	206	-7%
Adoptions (2 Orders per child)	5	7	40%
Nisi Acts issued	166	137	-17%
Matrimonial Acts issued	261	355	36%
Reciprocal Orders	2	10	400%

Parental Responsibility Agreements	24	16	-33%
Decrees Absolute issued	149	127	-15%
Petitions filed	169	161	-5%
Hearings vacated/settled	71	38	-46%
Early Neutral Evaluations	6	3	-50%
Financial Dispute Resolutions	19	16	-16%

Appelate Section	2022	2023	%change 2022 to 2023
Appeals lodged with the Court of Appeal	18	27	50%
Superior Number Appeals	3	1	-67%
Court of Appeal Sittings (days)	28	18	-38%
Number of Unreported Judgments (published)	304	267	-12%
Number of File and party Judgments (unpublished)	106	90	-15%
Transcripts of evidence -transcripts produced	65	74	14%

Intellectual Property Registry	2022	2023	%change 2022 to 2023
Trade Mark Registrations	60	90	50%
Patents (Registrations & Updates)	22	45	105%
Designs (Registrations & Updates)	1	1	0%
Trade Mark Updates	271	247	-9%

Tribunal Service	2022	2023	%change 2022 to 2023
JEDT Applications: Employment	127	202	59%
JEDT Applications: Discrimination	82	30	-63%
Case Management Meetings	99	104	5%
Interim Hearings	7	15	114%
Full Hearings	36	30	-17%
Pending at year end	65	82	26%
Income Support Medical Appeal Hearings	0	0	
Social Security Medical Appeal Hearings	4	5	25%
Social Security Appeal Hearings	9	5	-44%
Mental Health Appeal Applications	48	39	-19%
Mental Health Appeal Hearings	24	22	-8%
Capacity Reviews	8	15	88%
Capacity Hearings	6	10	67%
Health & Safety Applications	0	0	
Planning appeals	51	49	-4%
Total Number of Claims/Appeals Received*	329	345	5%

*incorporates JEDT Claims Employment, JEDT Claims Discrimination, SSMAT appeals, SSAT appeals, MHRT appeal applications, Capacity Reviews, Planning Appeals

Magistrate's Court	2022	2023	%change 2022 TO 2023
Non parking cases completed	1,271	1,274	8%
Cases committed to Royal Court	74	123	66%
Parking cases completed	345	398	15%
Total completed cases	1690	1,772	
Non parking persons ²	630	1,374	118%
Persons committed to Royal Court	74	123	66%
Parking Persons	1,435	1,158	-19%
Total persons	2,139	2,532	18%
Non parking arrest Orders issued	32	12	-63%
Parking arrest Orders issued	1,081	702	-35%
Total arrest Orders issues	1,113	714	-36%
Youth Court			
Total cases heard	81	112	38%
Total number of defendants	58	48	-17%
Cases committed to the Royal Court	0	3	
Arrest Orders issued	0	0	
Petty Debts Court			
Number of Actions listed	2,334	2,533	9%
Number of new Actions	1,583	1,675	6%
Judgments	1,069	1,104	3%
Value of claims heard (actions listed)	£6,565,670	£7,534,654	15%
Number of mediations held	75	91	21%
Number of matters settled at mediation	43	54	26%
Number of trials	3	7	133%
Number of Eviction Orders granted	21	21	0%

² i.e. appearances not related to parking cases.

Appendix C – Viscount’s Department Statistical Digest

Enforcement	2022	2023	%change 2022 TO 2023
Fines Imposed and amounts collected			
Number imposed	687	865	26%
Value imposed	£675,085	£802,820	19%
Amount collected	£947,381	£587,817	-38%
Receipt of Bail Moneys			
Persons bailed	379	337	-11%
Money received	£31,085.00	£32,563	5%
Arrest Orders			
Number of Arrest Orders	5,904	4,709	-20%
Service of Process			
Service of Judicial documents	558	506	-9%
Value of fees collected	£63,330	£94,460	49%
Costs			
Number imposed	16	27	69%
Value imposed	£16,880.00	£23,400	39%
Compensation Orders			
Number imposed	76	74	-3%
Value imposed	£61,599	£69,219	12%
Judgments received and processed			
Number lodged	732	759	4%
Total amount collected	£601,958	£322,710	-46%
Evictions			
Number of evictions carried out	4	7	75%
Maintenance Orders under enforcement			
Number of Maintenance Orders under enforcement	41	34	-17%
Proceeds of Crime - Saisies Judiciaires			
New cases (including Drug Trafficking)			
Local	7	1	-86%
External	2	1	-50%
Approximate value of assets arrested	£5,417,280,941	£6,088,509	
Confiscations (concluded cases): Proceeds of Crime			
Number	4	2	-50%
Value (net) GDP	£122,745.00	£1,332,254	985%
Value (net) USD	\$1,233,890		
Cases discharged	1	0	

Cases carried forward into following year			
Local	12	13	8%
External	11	10	-9%
Civil Asset Recovery			
New Cases			
Local	0	0	
External	1	1	
Approximate value of assets arrested	£244,863	£	
Confiscations (concluded cases): Civil Asset Recovery			
Number	0	1	
Value (net)	£0.00	£241,856	
Value (net)	£0.00		
Cases discharged	0	0	
Cases carried forward into following year			
Local	0	0	
External	2	3	50%
Civil Proceedings Forfeiture of Assets			
New Cases			
Local	2	1	-50%
External	0	0	
Approximate value of assets arrested	£2,380,629	£836,259	-65%

Insolvency	2022	2023	%change 2022 to 2023
Désastre			
Declared	3	1	-67%
Completed	4	6	50%
Discharges of personal bankrupts			
Granted	2	1	-50%
Extended	0	0	
Sales of immovable property			
Number of properties	0	0	-
Value	0	0	
Debt Remission Orders			
Number of applications received	0	0	
Orders granted	0	0	
Désastre checks			
Checks conducted	18,556	18,002	-3%
Charges invoiced	£280,042	£260,738	-7%
Remise de Biens applications			
Applications received	0	0	
Applications granted	0	0	

Cross border applications			
Applications granted	2	1	-50%
Applications pending	1	0	
Request for assistance out of Jersey Court			
Applications granted	2	0	
Delegate clients			
Appointments	12	24	100%
Cases closed (reasons from 2022)			
New Delegate Appointed	1	0	
Deceased	8	4	-50%
Under administration at year end	43	63	47%
Deceased clients awaiting Probate	10	8	-20%
Vues de Vicomte			
In progress	0	0	
Completed	0	0	
Approved Liquidators			
Jersey	4	10	150%
Overseas	12	30	150%
Charges invoiced	£12,800	£32,000	150%
Assets under administration			
Insolvency	£180,273	£347,203	93%
Delegate: current	£2,859,667	£2,381,003	-17%
Delegate: deceased	£106,473	£225,399	112%
Total Delegate	£2,966,141	2,606,402	-12%
Total	£3,146,414	£5,560,007	77%

Assizes and other court services	2022	2023	%change 2022 to 2023
Trial process started	25	29	16%
Trials not completed*	8	8	0%
Trials completed	17	21	18%
Days	102	113	11%
Jury Exemptions	645	735	14%
Jury Summonses	1,170	1,575	35%
Jurors given financial assistance	1	1	0%
Exemptions from payment of court stamps and fees	82	23	-72%

*For these purposes a trial process is started when a list of potential jurors has been drawn (tirage). There are a variety of reasons why a trial might not complete, for example, the defendant changes plea, the prosecution is abandoned, or the trial was rearranged to a separate date and a fresh list of potential jurors was drawn, etc.

Coroner	2022	2023	%change 2022 to 2023
Reported Deaths			
Inquest cases	96	107	11%
Cleared after autopsy	86	82	-5%
Cleared by doctor's certificate etc.	30	44	47%
	210	233	
Deaths reported as % of all registered deaths ³	24%	28%	17%
Unreported Deaths			
Approvals for doctor to issue certificate of fact and cause of death	166	192	16%
Permits Issued			
Import/export of bodies	38	35	-8%
Exhumation	0	0	
Inquests Concluded ⁴			
Accident/Misadventure	12	9	-25%
Drugs/alcohol	4	3	-25%
Industrial disease	1	1	
Lawful/Unlawful killing	1	0	
Natural Causes	20	17	-15%
Open	2	0	
Road Traffic Collision	2	2	
Stillbirth	0	0	
Suicide	7	12	71%
Narrative	2	6	200%
Total Number of Inquests Completed	51	50	-2%
Inquest cases carried forward to following year	59	100	41%

³ Based on a total of 835 deaths registered in Jersey in 2023 (although there were 888 actual deaths in Jersey in 2023)
Source: Annual Statement of the Office of the Superintendent Registrar 2023, "Births, Deaths, Stillbirths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships registered"

⁴ 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.