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ANALYSIS OF CIVIL CASES AND CRIMINAL OFFENCES FOR 2022/2023 LEGAL YEAR

This report presents a comprehensive analysis of civil cases and criminal offences across all regions and all levels of Courts in Ghana. Our objective is to provide management with key insights into regional legal trends, caseload variations, and notable findings.

For an easy reference to each case category, the following acronyms will be employed in some part of this report;

- Cases Pending at the Beginning – CPB
- Cases Filed – CF
- Cases Concluded – CC
- Cases Pending at the End – CPE
- Cases at Hand – Cases Pending at the Beginning + Cases Filed

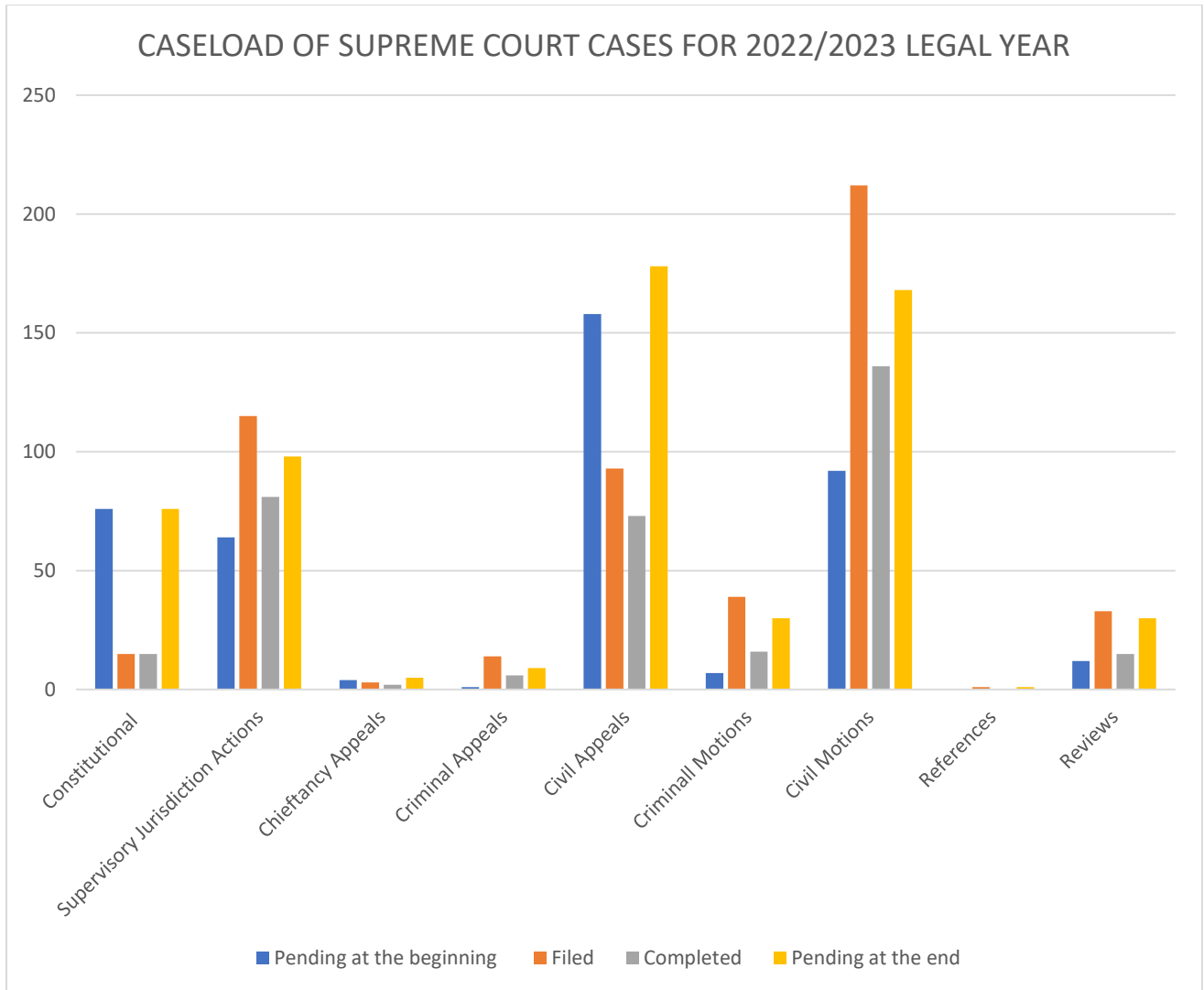


Figure 1 Supreme Court 1

SUPREME

From the graph above,

- The Supreme Court recorded a total of 939 **Cases at Hand (CPB+CF)** in 2022/2023 legal year. Out which, 344 were disposed of, representing a conclusion rate of 36.6%.
- Criminal motion recorded the highest cases at hand of 304 cases with a conclusion rate of 44.7%, followed by Civil Appeals 251 cases with conclusion rate of 29.1%.
- There was a total of one (1) Reference case at hand and it was still pending at the end of 2022/2023 legal year.

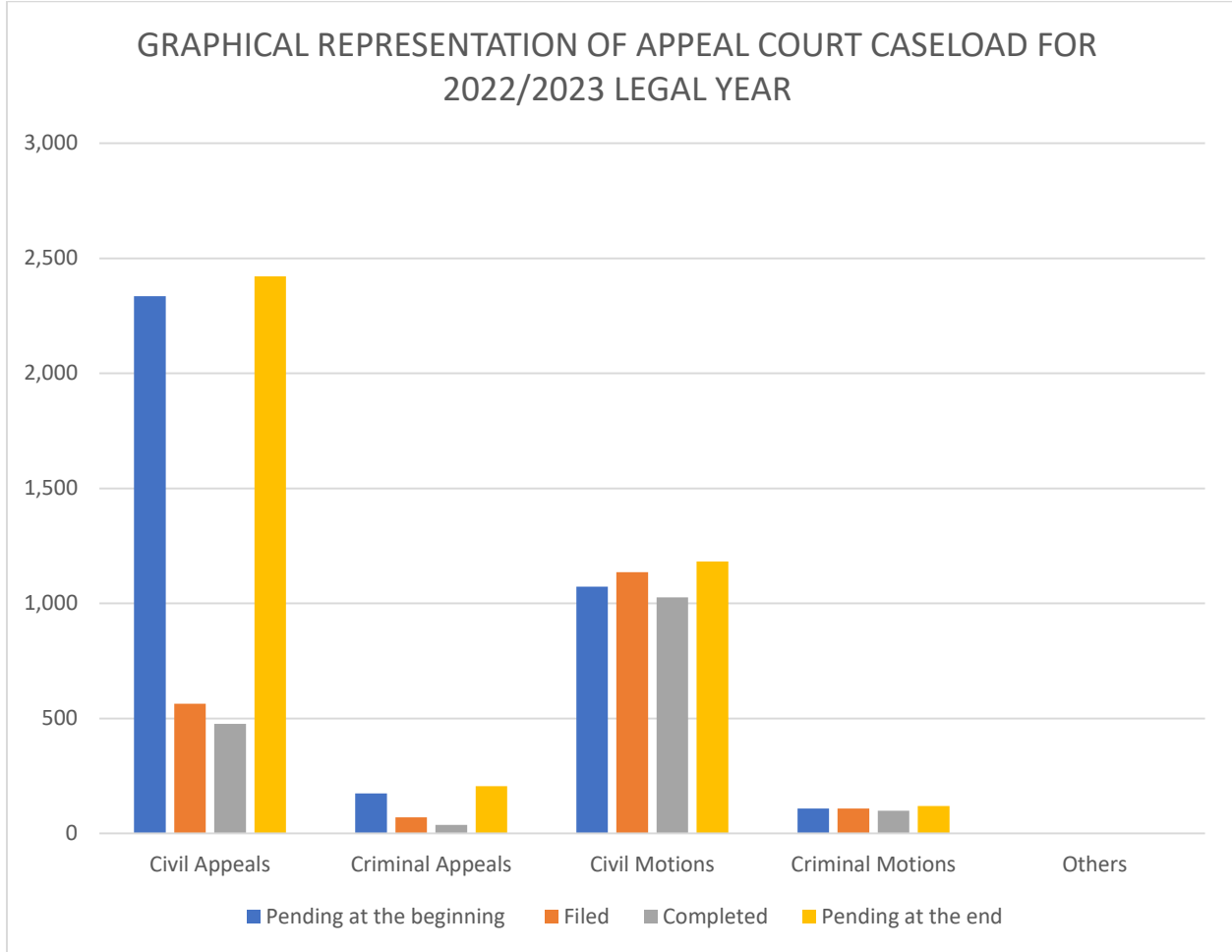


Figure 2 Appeal Court 1

APPEAL

From the graph above,

*The Court of Appeal recorded a total of 5570 **Cases at Hand (CPB+CF)** in 2022/2023 legal year. Out of that, 1641 were disposed of, representing a conclusion rate of 29.5%.

*Civil Appeals recorded the highest cases at hand of 2899 cases with a conclusion rate of 16.5%, followed by Civil Motions 2209 cases with conclusion rate of 46.6%.

*Criminal Motion recorded the least Cases at Hand of 218 cases with a conclusion rate of 45.4%.

HIGH COURT CIVIL

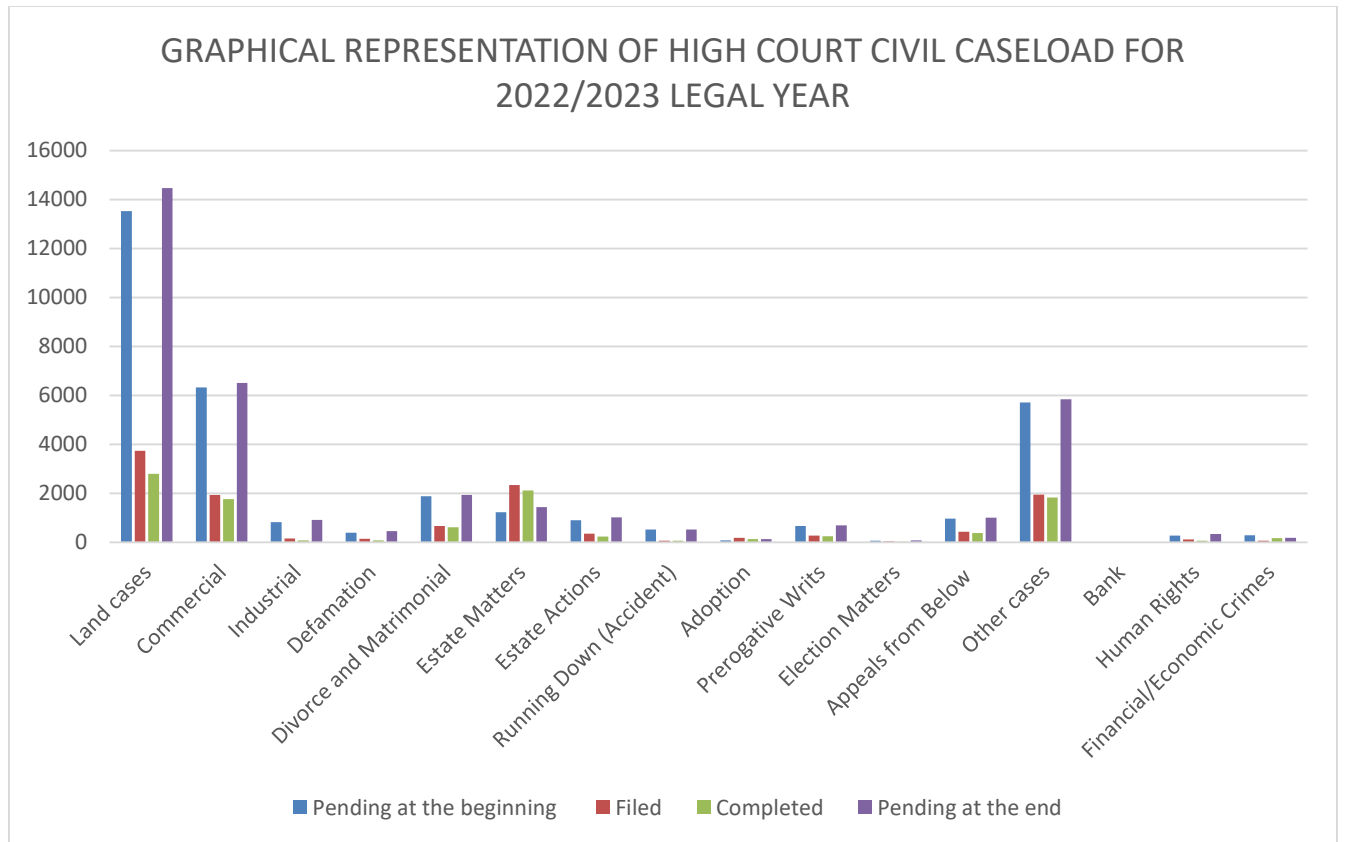


Figure 3 High Court Civil 1

- Land cases continue to have a significant caseload with 3,744 new cases filed. However, the resolution rate is approximately 16.23%, indicating that a substantial number of cases are still pending at the end of the year. This backlog is as a result of complex land tenure system and inefficient land administration regulators.
- Commercial cases also saw a considerable number of new filings (1,939). However, they achieved resolution rate of 21.32%, showcasing not quite efficient case management in handling complex commercial disputes.
- "Estate Matters" has the highest resolution rate at 59%, suggesting efficient case management and resolution in this category.

- It's worth noting that Land Cases, while having a high caseload, have a lower completion rate, indicating the need for continued efforts in managing this category efficiently. Overall, the High Court appears to be addressing a significant portion of cases in various categories, contributing to the timely delivery of justice in Ghana.
- During the legal year 2022/2023, Divorce and Matrimonial cases at the High Court presented a notable caseload situation with cases at hand of 2,549. Despite the efforts by the courts, only 612 cases were successfully completed within the year culminating in a resolution rate of 24.01%, reflecting the challenges and backlog at the High Court in this category. These statistics emphasize the continuous need for initiatives aimed at enhancing the efficiency of Divorce and Matrimonial case adjudication processes at the High Court.

HIGH COURT CRIMINAL

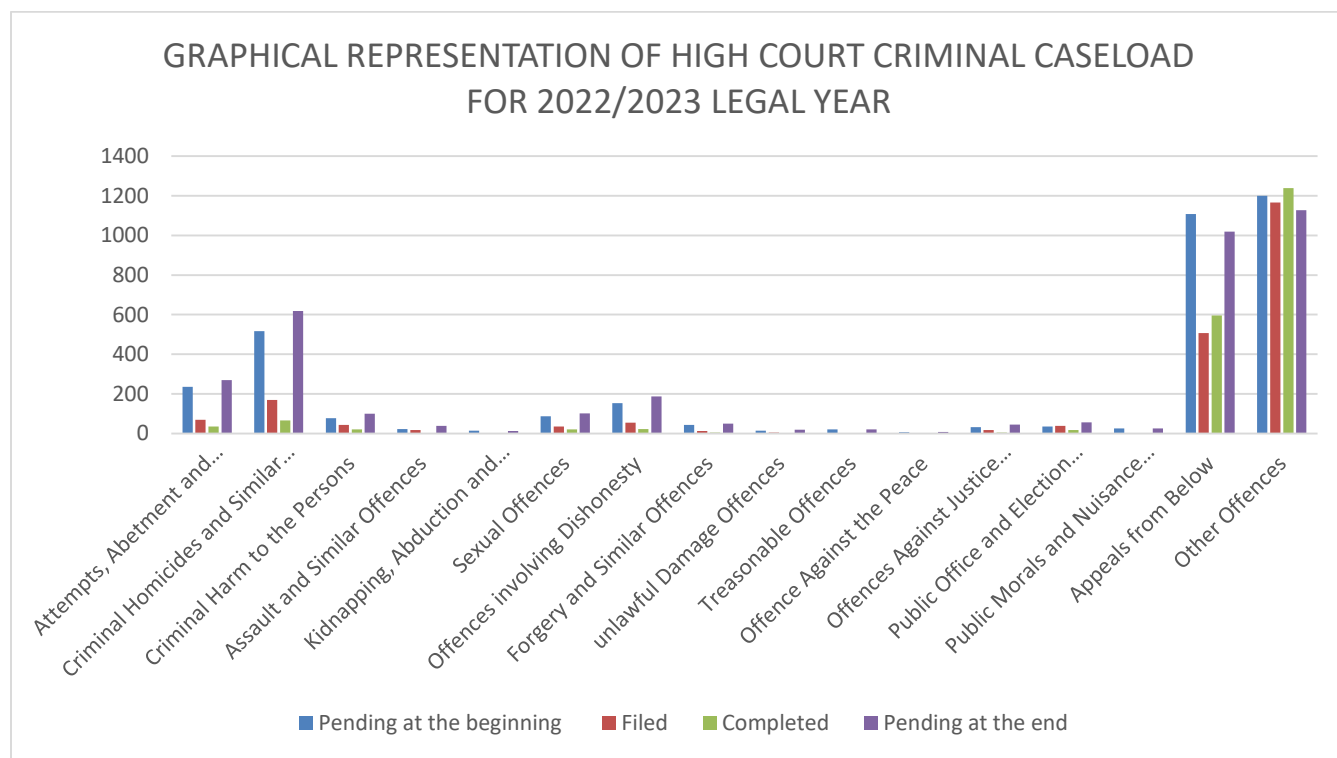


Figure 4 High Court Criminal 1

- The region with the highest number of offenses filed in the provided data is the Eastern Region, which reported a total of 469 offenses across various categories. This region stands out for its relatively high caseload compared to other regions.
- The Eastern Region has the highest total number of offenses filed with 469 cases, followed closely by the Ashanti Region with 448 cases. The Greater Accra Region, while having a substantial caseload, reports a lower number of offenses compared to the other two regions stated above.
- Each region shows specialization in specific types of offenses. For instance, the Eastern Region has a high number of 'Other Offenses' (307), while the Ashanti Region is notable for criminal homicides (42). The Western North Region stands out in public office and election offenses (35) filed during the period under review.
- "Appeals from Below" is a category that typically involves cases that are being appealed to a higher court after having been initially heard and decided at a lower court. It's notable that this category stands out in all regions, indicating that there is a significant number of cases that are being appealed to higher courts for review and reconsideration. It also underscores the importance of the appellate process within the Ghanaian legal system, where individuals or parties have the right to seek a review of lower court decisions at higher judicial levels to ensure fair and just outcomes.

CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL

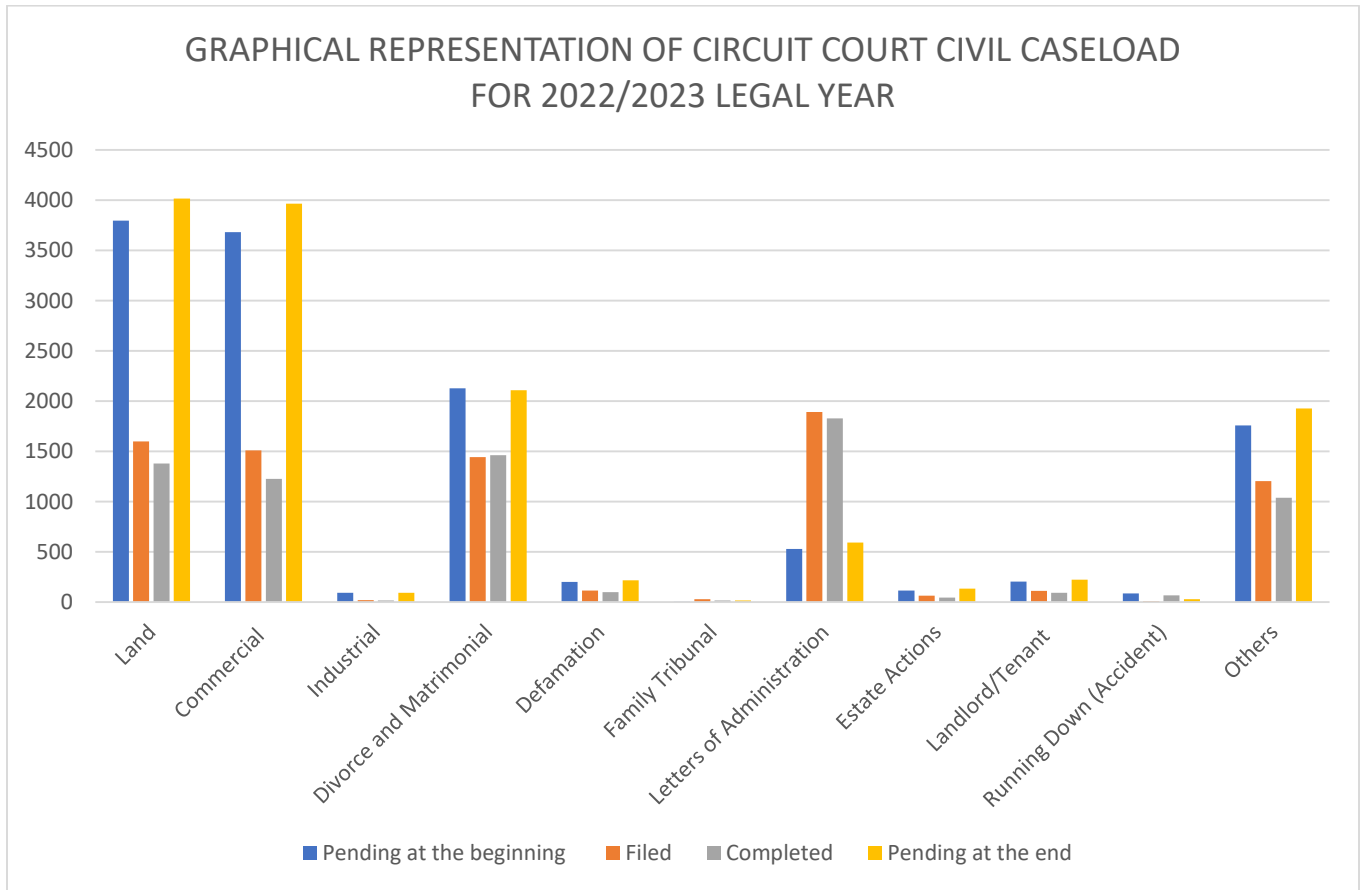


Figure 5 Circuit Court Civil 1

- The Circuit Courts nationwide recorded 1,894 and 1,830 filed and concluded applications respectively on letters of administration.
- Land cases filed in the Greater Accra region were the highest, followed closely by the Ashanti region with 413 and 411 cases filed respectively.
- Running down (Accident) were the least cases recorded with only 9 filed whereas letters of administration were the most cases recorded with 1,894 filed in the circuit courts nationwide.
- Land cases were the most pending cases at the end of the 2022/2023 legal year with high numbers from the Greater Accra Region (938), Ashanti region (892) and Eastern region (745).
- Greater Accra region recorded 58.6% (844) of all divorce and matrimonial cases filed nationwide, Accra and Tema Circuit Courts recording most of these cases. Ashanti

Region also recorded 25% (361 cases filed) with Adum Circuit Court alone recording 272.

- With respect to divorce and matrimonial cases at hand, Ashanti region stands out with the most cases concluded (613 out of 1462 concluded cases) indicating 41.9%. Greater Accra followed closely with 39% (570) of all divorce and matrimonial cases concluded.

CIRCUIT COURT CRIMINAL

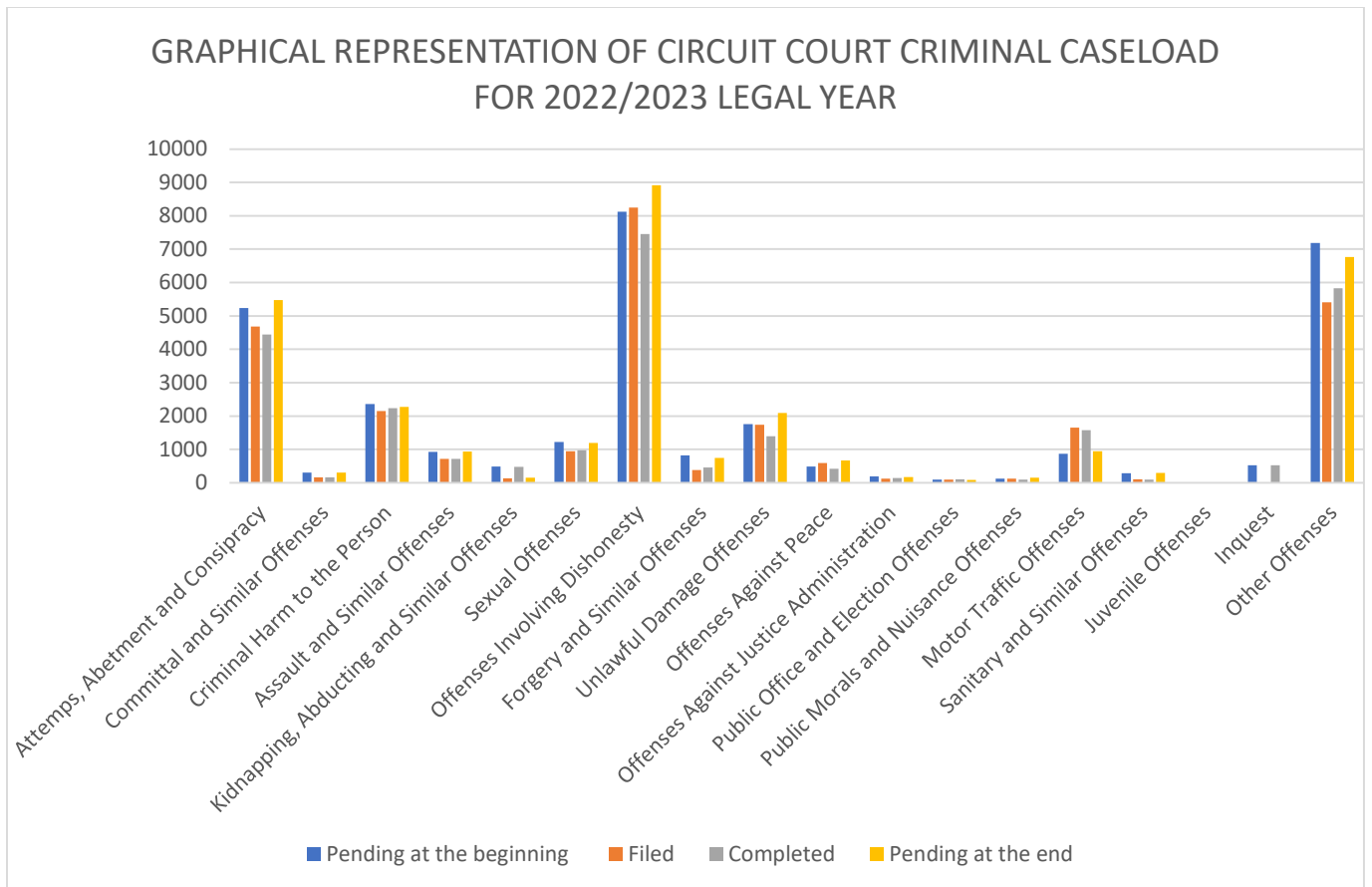


Figure 6 Circuit Court Criminal 1

- Offenses involving dishonesty were the most filed (8243) at the Circuit Court.
- Greater Accra region recorded the highest number of offenses involving dishonesty filed at 2,382, being 594 offenses more than the second placed Ashanti region with 1,788.
- Overall, Greater Accra recorded the most filed and concluded offenses followed by Ashanti, Central, and Eastern in that order.

- Greater Accra, accounting for 26.97% of all offenses filed, recorded 2609 offenses more than the second placed Ashanti region.
- Similarly, a statistical analysis of the data, in terms of number of offenses, indicates Ashanti region concluded 26.22% of all criminal offenses at the circuit court level nationwide.

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL

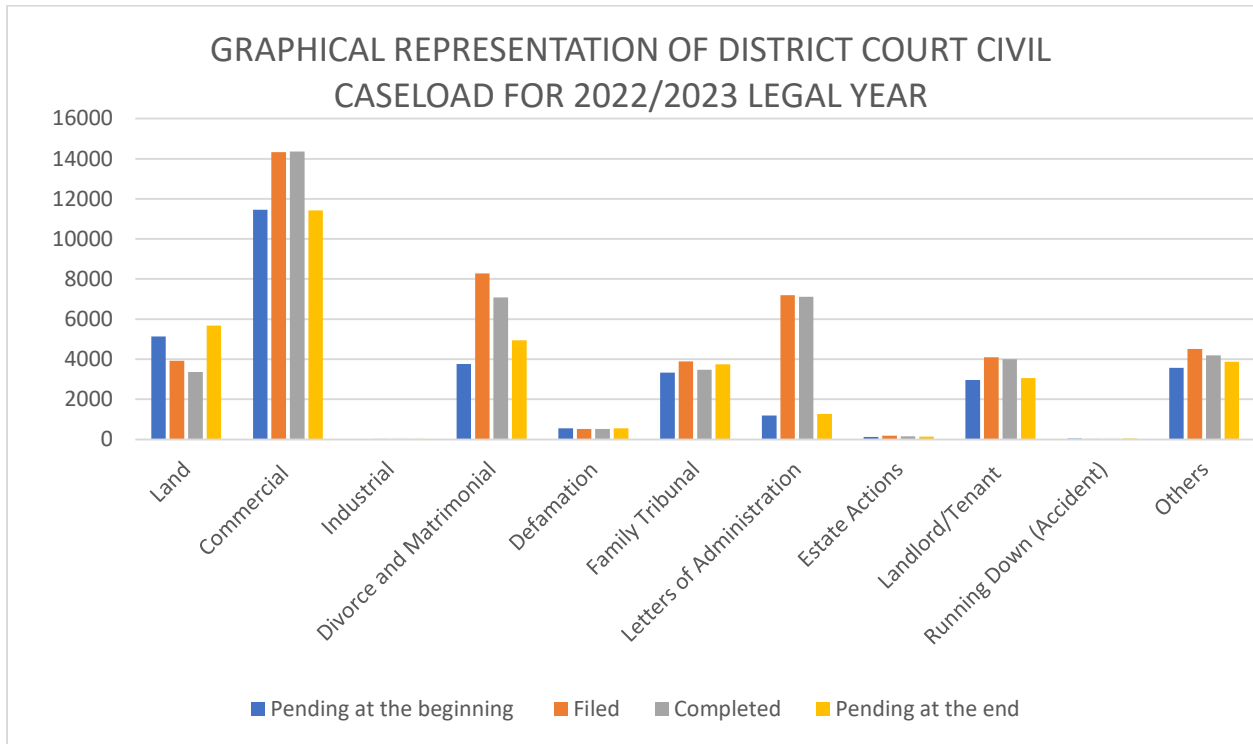


Figure 7 District Civil 1

- Commercial Cases recorded the most filed and concluded cases with 14322 and 14356 cases respectively, largely due to the high numbers recorded in Ashanti, Greater Accra, Eastern, Central, Western and Western North.
- Central region recorded the most divorced and matrimonial cases filed, with 2086 cases mostly from the Agona and Kasoa District Courts, followed by Greater Accra with 1745 cases. The number of cases resolved at these regions were 1,271 and 1,834 respectively.
- Greater Accra and Ashanti regions alone contributed about 63.6% of all landlord/tenancy cases filed during the legal year. Running down (Accident) and industrial cases recorded the list filed cases with 24 and 33 filed cases respectively for the period under review.

DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL

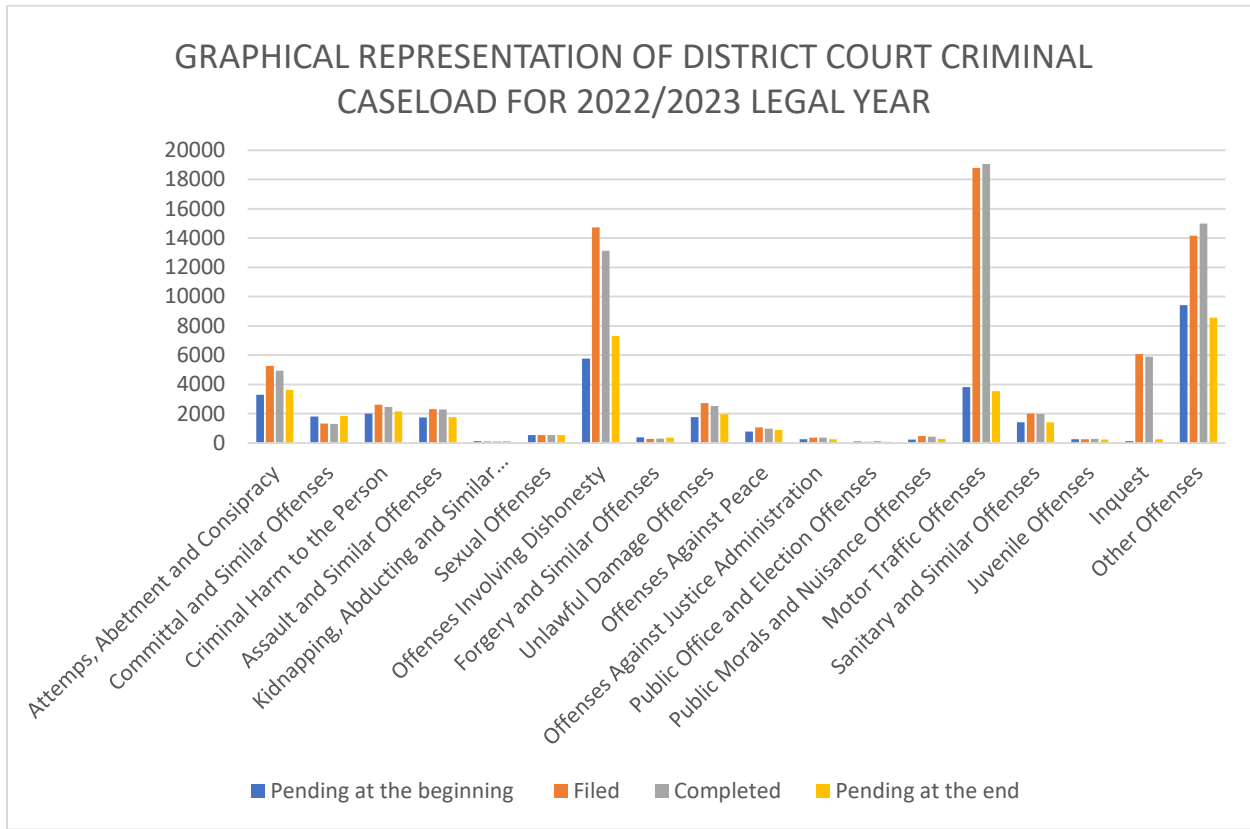


Figure 8 District Criminal 1

- Motor traffic offenses recorded the most cases filed with 18,795 filed cases. Greater Accra alone recorded 13,382 filed cases out of the total.
- While the Greater Accra region accounts for 71% of all motor traffic offenses filed, Northern and North East regions recorded three and zero offenses filed respectively.
- In terms of the motor traffic offenses, special attention needs to be given the Achimota, Adentan and La districts as the courts in these districts accounted a most of the traffic offenses filed in the Greater Accra region.
- Ashanti region recorded the highest number of offenses involving dishonesty at 3386 offenses filed, offenses involving dishonesty filed were 1004 more cases than the second placed Greater Accra with 2382.
- In conclusion, Greater Accra recorded the highest number of offenses in terms of filing and resolution, followed by Ashanti, Central, Eastern and Western in that order.
- Greater Accra, accounting for 37% of all offenses filed, recorded 14,388 offenses more than the second placed Ashanti region.
- A similar picture is seen in terms of number of offenses where Greater Accra concluded 38.5% of all criminal offenses at the district level.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The M&E Department of the Service, if adequately resourced, would be able to move to the field and undertake detailed research into finding verifiable reasons for the high numbers in some pertinent cases and offences at the various court levels.
- The need to share the offenses report with other key stakeholders to help provide basis for policy making to address the issues arising from the data.