03 — COURT AUDIT

Find and tackle *the backlog.*

Case-level analysis of court performance, caseflow and delay.



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CASE-LEVEL ANALYSIS WHERE THE PRESSURE SITS

A — THE PROBLEM IT SOLVES

"We need to understand and reduce our court backlog"

Court backlogs can reflect multiple causes across the justice chain. A Court Audit works at case level to establish where cases are accumulating, how old they are, what causes adjournments and whether judges and staff are deployed according to caseload.

The output is practical. Findings are translated into Case Management Orders – targeted measures to filter and clear cases and to tackle the administrative processes that cause delay.

The same approach can establish a measured baseline for commercial courts and the enforcement of judgments, where delay translates directly into legal and investment risk.

B — KEY QUESTIONS

01 Where are cases accumulating?

02 How old is the backlog?

03 Which courts have the lowest clearance rates?

04 What causes adjournments?

05 Does judicial and administrative staffing correspond to caseload?

06 Which cases can be filtered out or cleared?

SCOPE	TIMING	PRODUCES
Courts	Scoped to each assignment	Case Management Orders (CMOs)

C — HOW IT WORKS

From question to action

STEP 01

Map the caseload

Pending cases by court, case type and age.

STEP 02

Trace the delay

Adjournments, procedural bottlenecks and workload imbalances.

STEP 03

Develop the orders with the courts concerned

Develop Case Management Orders (CMOs) with the courts concerned, targeted at the causes of delay.

STEP 04

Measure again

Track clearance rates and case age against the baseline.

D — WHAT YOU RECEIVE

01 **Case Management Orders (CMOs)**
Practical orders to filter and clear cases, grounded in case-level evidence.

02 **Caseflow analysis**
Clearance rates, disposition times, age of pending cases and adjournment rates, court by court.

03 **Workload and resource profile**
Judges and staff measured against caseload, including vacancies and workload distribution.

04 **Performance baseline**
Court-level indicators that can be measured again to show whether the backlog is falling.

E — WHERE IT FITS

	NATIONAL JUSTICE REFORM	FRAGILE STATES	EU ACCESSION	INVEST-MENT	FIRST 100 DAYS
Justice Audit	●	—	●	●	—
Justice Snapshot	●	●	●	●	●
Court Audit	●	—	●	●	●
Prison Audit	●	—	—	—	●

Court Audit is used in the National Justice Reform, EU accession, investment and Justice in 100 Days applications.

F — WHAT IT EXAMINES

- PENDING CASELOAD AND BACKLOG
- AGE OF PENDING CASES
- CLEARANCE RATES
- DISPOSITION TIME
- ADJOURNMENTS
- JUDICIAL AND STAFF WORKLOAD
- VACANCIES
- CASE MANAGEMENT AND DIGITAL SYSTEMS

G — IN PRACTICE

>30%

Estimated reduction in case backlog from the case-management measures that followed Court Audit work in Bangladesh.

EVIDENCE INTO ACTION
BANGLADESH

H — NEXT STEP

Need to understand *your court backlog?*

Every Audit begins with a conversation about a specific problem. Tell us about your context and we will show you what the Court Audit could reveal.

START A CONVERSATION

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