

**The strategic priorities for the  
Courts over the next five years  
are:**



- Building a strong Judiciary and workforce
- Establishing a sound Court infrastructure
- Ensuring Fair and Timely Case Resolution
- Strengthening public trust and confidence



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## **Court Management Services**





## What is Court Management Services?

Court Management Services is an organization that was set up in 2008 by the Government of Jamaica, through the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) and in collaboration with the Public Sector Modernization Division (PSMD), Cabinet Office.

The establishment of the Court Management Services (CMS) serves to restructure the institutional framework through which administrative services are provided to the Courts and further strengthen Judicial independence. The organization's establishment is designed to enable the Courts to have greater input in budgetary decisions and execution of activities surrounding the operations of the Courts.

## What is the link between the CMS and the Ministry of Justice?

The CMS is led by a Principal Executive Officer (PEO) who has accounting officer status, making him/her answerable to Parliament for the accounting functions of the organization. The PEO reports to the Chief Justice of Jamaica, who is the head of the Judiciary, and to Parliament in respect of accounting matters. The CMS operates independently of the MOJ.

Despite the fact that CMS does not report to the Ministry of Justice, the two organizations have a relationship. The Ministry of Justice is responsible for the development of the justice related policies. While the CMS provides administrative support services to the Courts.



## What is the role of the CMS ?

The organization is responsible for performing a range of Court-related administrative services . Specifically;

- Finance and Accounts
- Human Resource Management and Administration
- Information Communication Technology
- Customer/Client Services and Communication
- Property Management and Maintenance
- Internal Audit.

The CMS currently operates from offices on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of The Towers, 25 Dominica Drive, Kingston.