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To: Council Member Johnson
From: Honorable William C. McConico, Chief Judge
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Through: Nicole O'Dea - CFO
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Re: Responses to Questions on 36th District Court's FY 2024 Budget

1. How many landlord-tenant cases do you hear per year?

New Filings per calendar year:

Year	New Filings
2018	30,197
2019	30,580
2020	10,977
2021	17,852
2022	23,164

2. What percentage of landlord-cases do landlords have an attorney, and how does affect the outcome of the case?

For new filings in calendar year 2022, 88% of Plaintiffs were represented by an attorney.
Unknown as to how it affects the outcome of the case.

3. In What percentage of cases do tenants have an attorney, and how does this affect the outcome of the case?

For new filings in calendar year 2022, 25% of Defendants were represented by an attorney. **NOTE:** This encompasses Formal Appearances; Legal Representation is Unknown as to how it affects the outcome of the case.

4. Are 36th District Court, Judges able to render fair decisions in cases where tenants are not represented by an attorney?

Yes, they are.

5. What is the percentage of “Default Judgments” entered in landlord-tenant matters and who are they against?

22% of Dispositions in 2022 were Defaults. Defaults are entered against the defendants.