

Impact of COVID-19 on the Commercial Court

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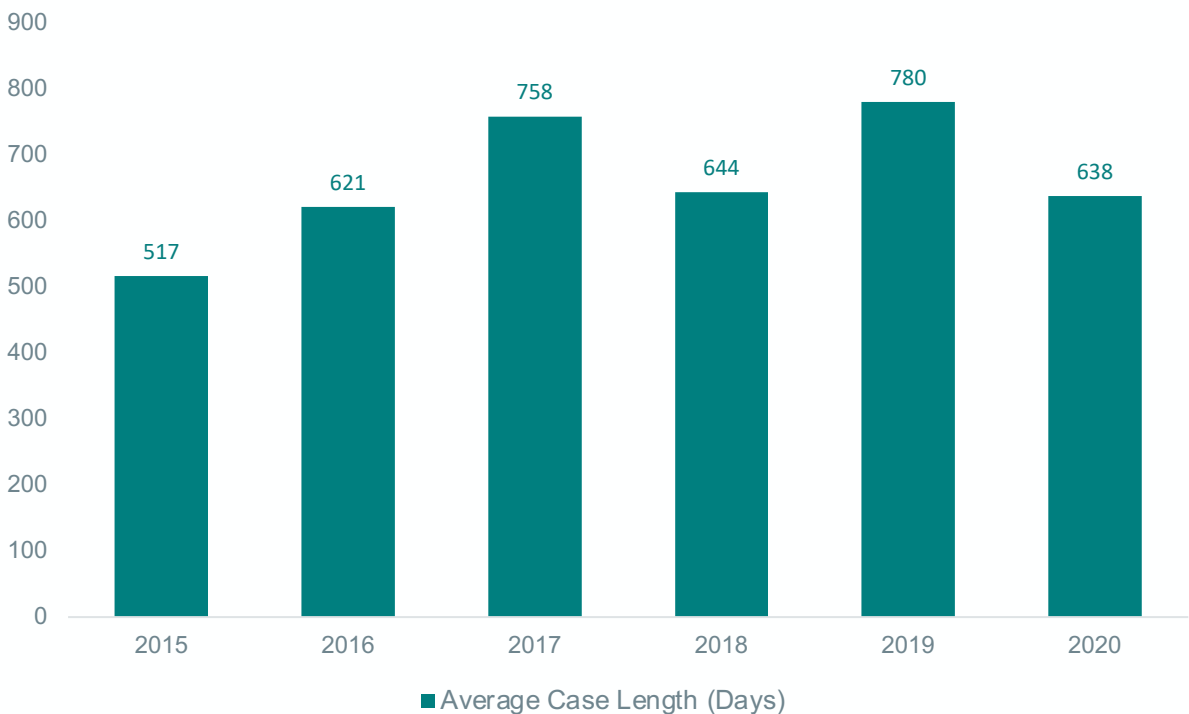
COVID-19's impact on case resolution

Due to COVID-19 the London Commercial Court had to adapt in order to maintain its usual level of operations. This report looks at data collected on case resolution in the Commercial Court, assessing the impact of COVID-19.

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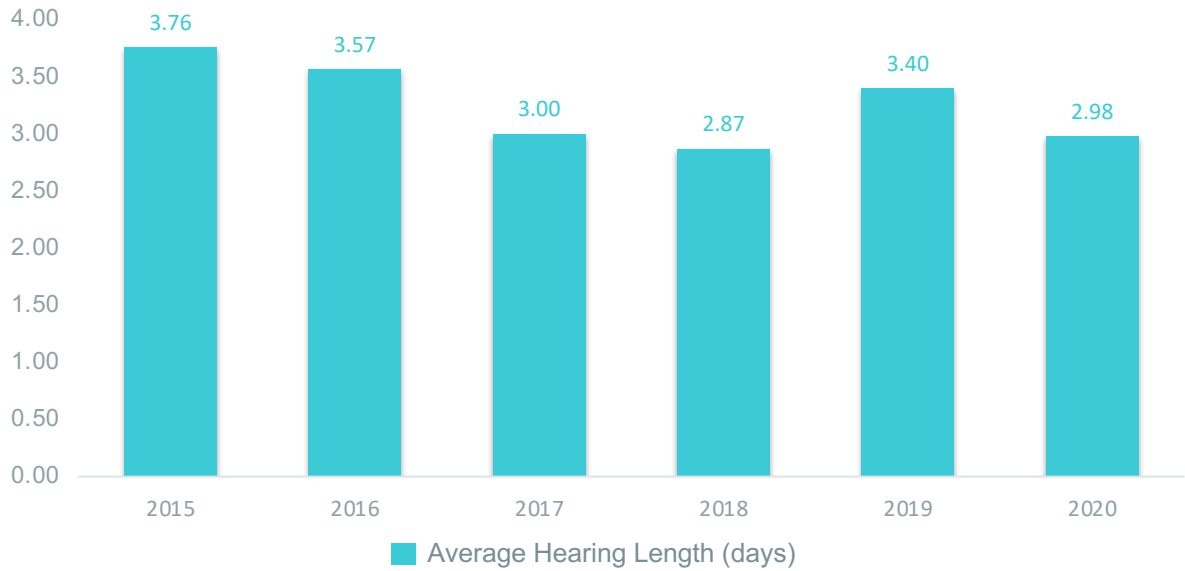
Case Length

We didn't expect case length to grow, as cases which concluded in 2020 largely began considerably before 2020. That expectation was borne out.



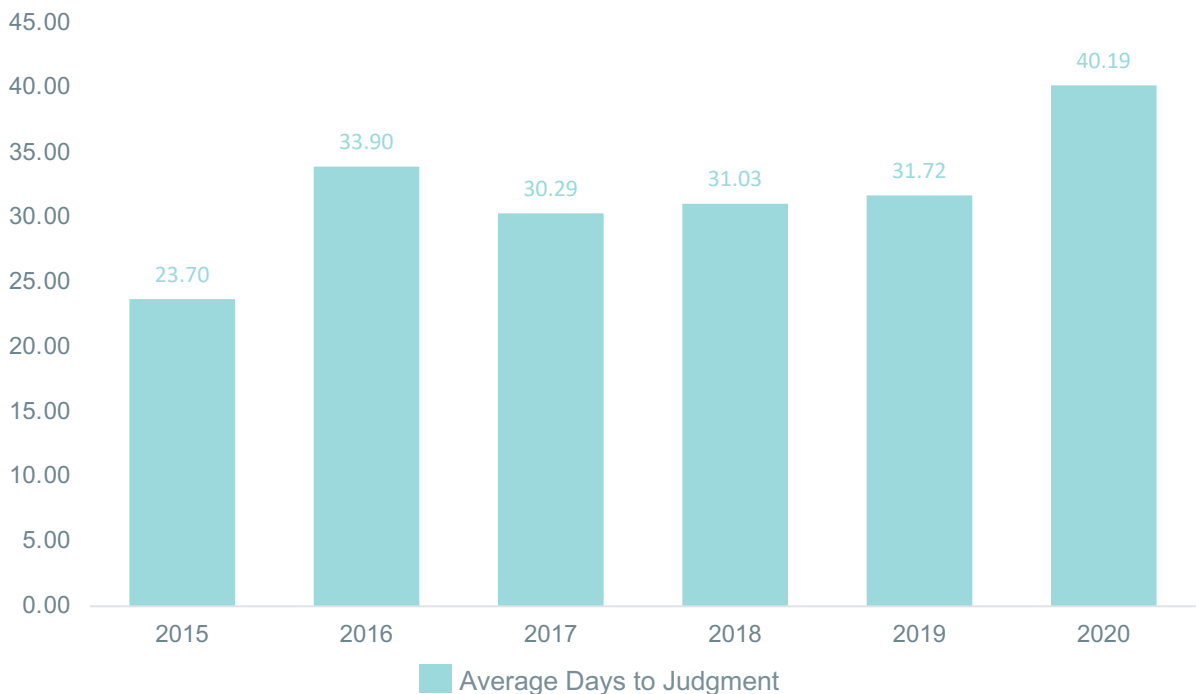
Hearing Length

The hearing length for 2020 charted near the previous years, but with a 13% decrease compared to 2019.



Number of Days to Judgment

On average, decisions took just over 40 days, compared to 31.7 the year before, a 27% increase.



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Explanatory Note

All the data Solomonic has used in this report is sourced from court documents (hearings, judgments, claims) and analysed through a combination of machine learning and qualified solicitor and barrister assessment.