

A five-year trend of CMPA's medico-legal services



	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
New advice contacts					
Advice to members	24,291	23,702	22,967	22,622	21,828
New medico-legal cases					
Legal actions ¹	-	732	854	900	837
Legal actions - served ²	632	-	-	-	-
Legal actions - not served ³	326	-	-	-	-
Threats ^{1,4}	9	791	958	895	833
College (medical regulatory authority) matters	4,844	4,183	4,827	5,628	5,235
Hospital matters	2,011	1,773	2,129	1,955	1,675
Paying agency matters	206	293	598	236	246
Other ⁴	178	176	144	146	160
Total new medico-legal cases	8,206	7,948	9,510	9,760	8,986
Resolved legal actions					
Judgment for plaintiff	11	8	5	8	14
Judgment for physician	30	29	47	53	48
Settled with plaintiff	343	259	285	276	274
Dismissed/discontinued/abandoned	574	349	438	441	433
Total resolved legal actions	958	645	775	778	769

¹ The CMPA migrated to a new client management system in 2021, which classifies medico-legal cases differently. Reclassification of medico-legal cases will be observed, such as legal actions now classified as served and not served.

² Legal actions – served: means legal action was commenced against a member

³ Legal actions – not served: means legal action was threatened. Note: threats may result in a settlement or progress to Legal action – served.

⁴ Other: includes threats (prior to 2021), human rights complaints, inquests, privacy investigations, and criminal matters