



STATISTICAL FINDINGS OF CASE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

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Background

- To promote the use of alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”)
- Statistics - to examine the efficacy of the Case Settlement Conference

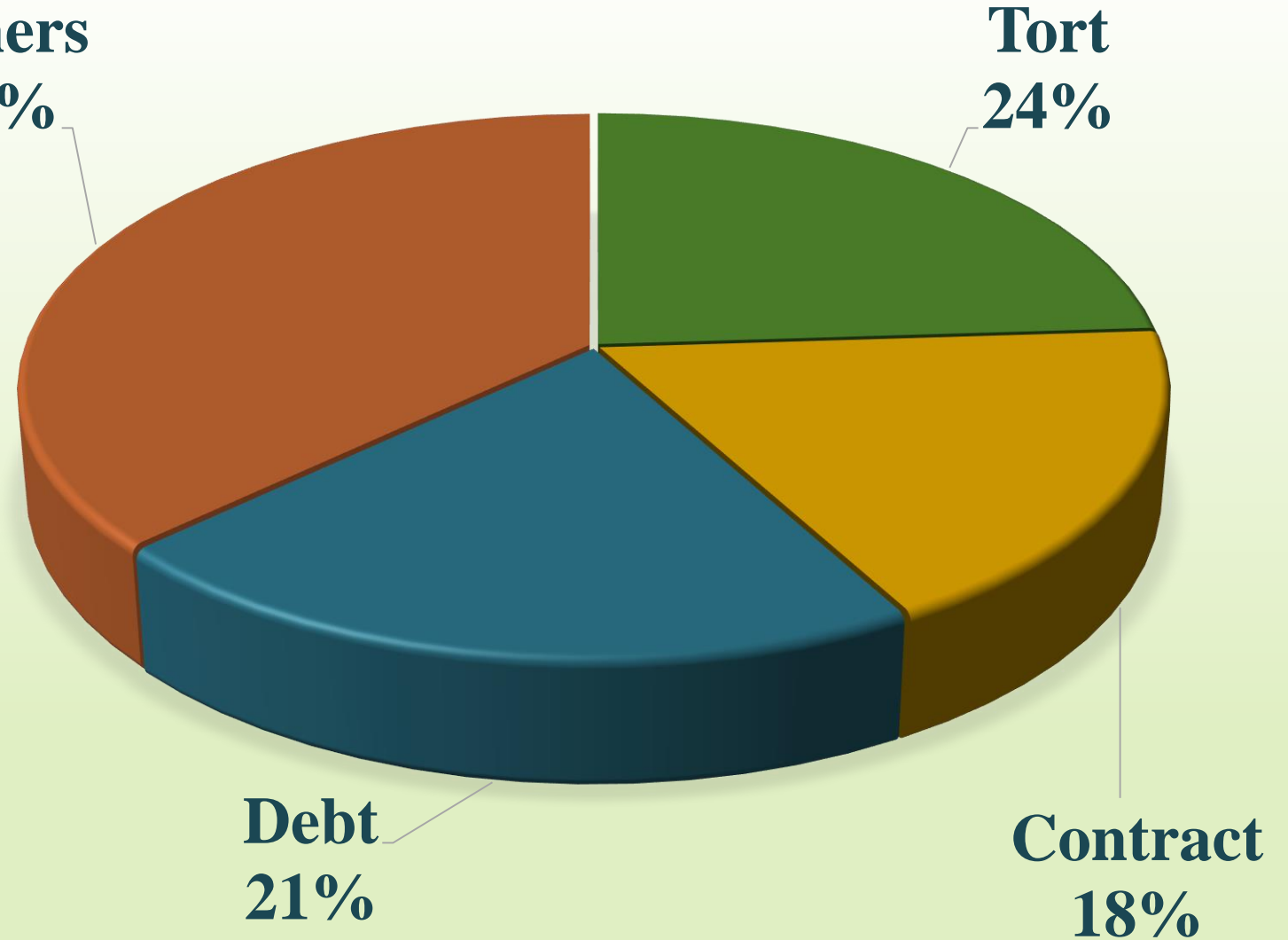
Statistical findings

(Jan 2021 – Dec 2022)

STATISTICS ON CLAIM NATURE OF CASES HANDLED BY CSC

<u>Nature</u>	<u>No. of cases handled</u>	<u>No. of cases settled</u>
Contract	56	31
Debt	65	29
Tort	75	44
Others	113	62
Total	309	166

Others
37%

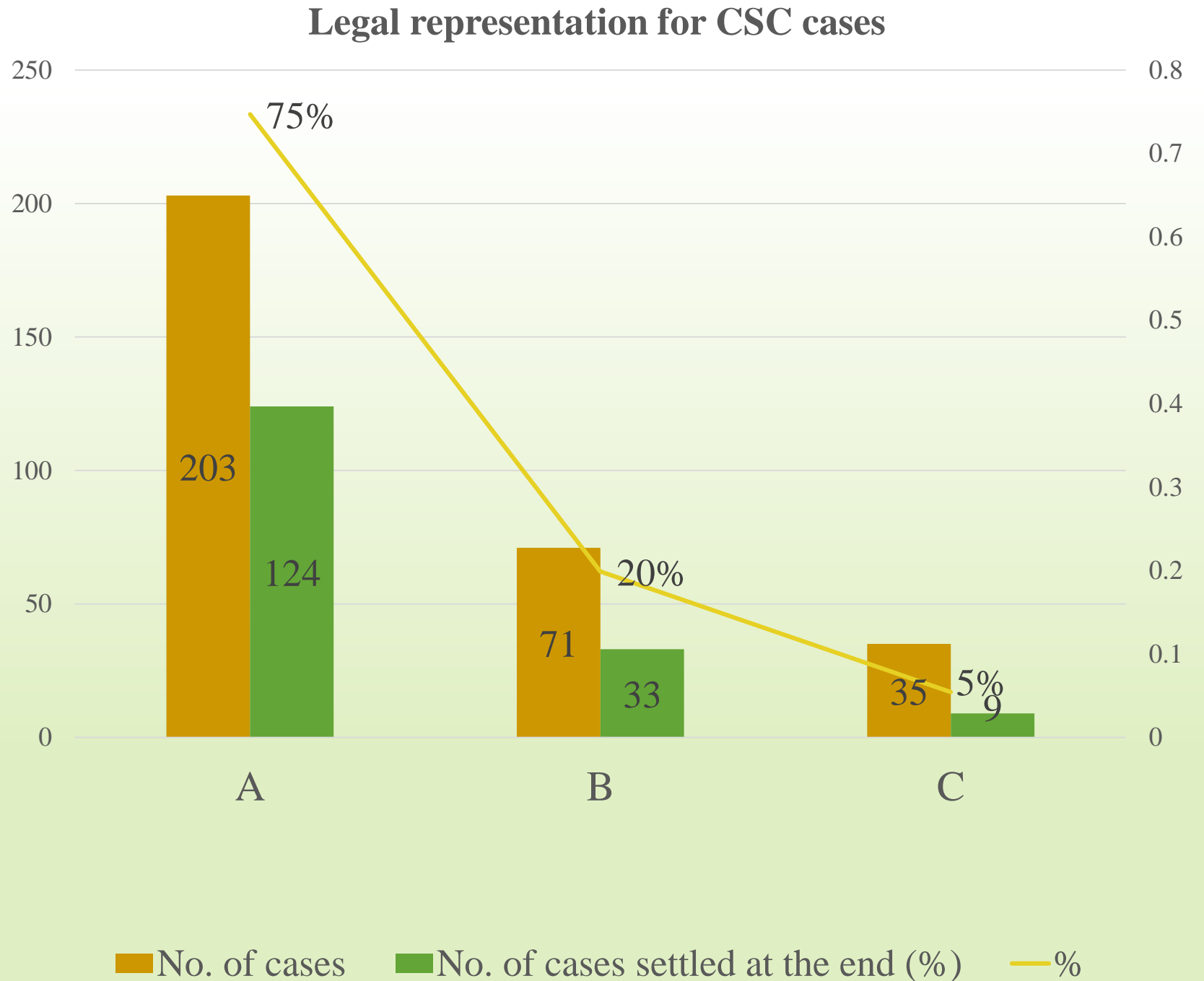


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Legal representation	No. of cases	(%)
<i>All parties</i> are legally represented (A)	203	66%
<i>At least one party</i> is legally represented (B)	71	23%
<i>None of the parties</i> are legally represented (C)	35	11%
Total	309	100%

- 89% of the cases were all or partially legally represented



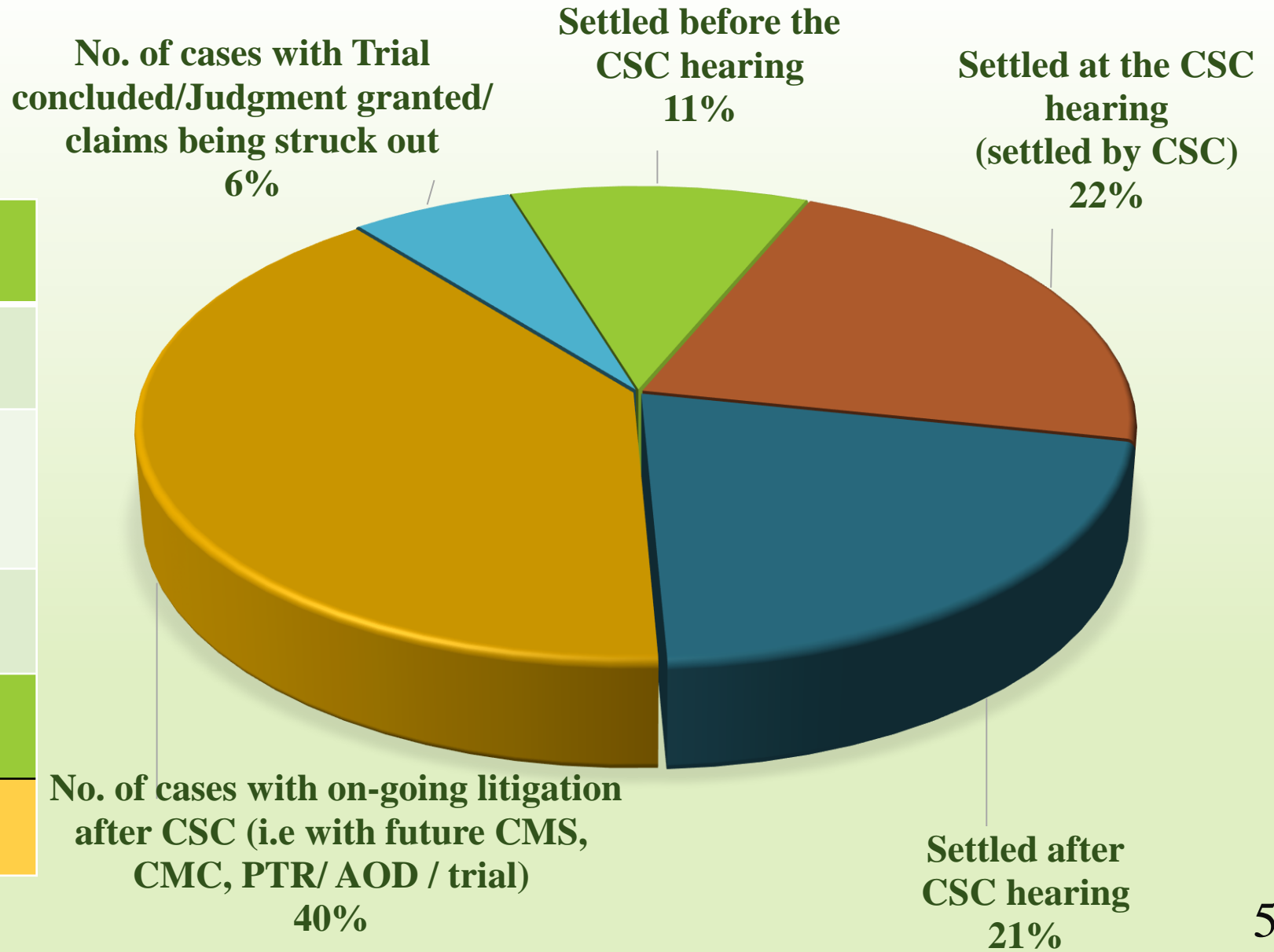
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DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF CSC

Settlement

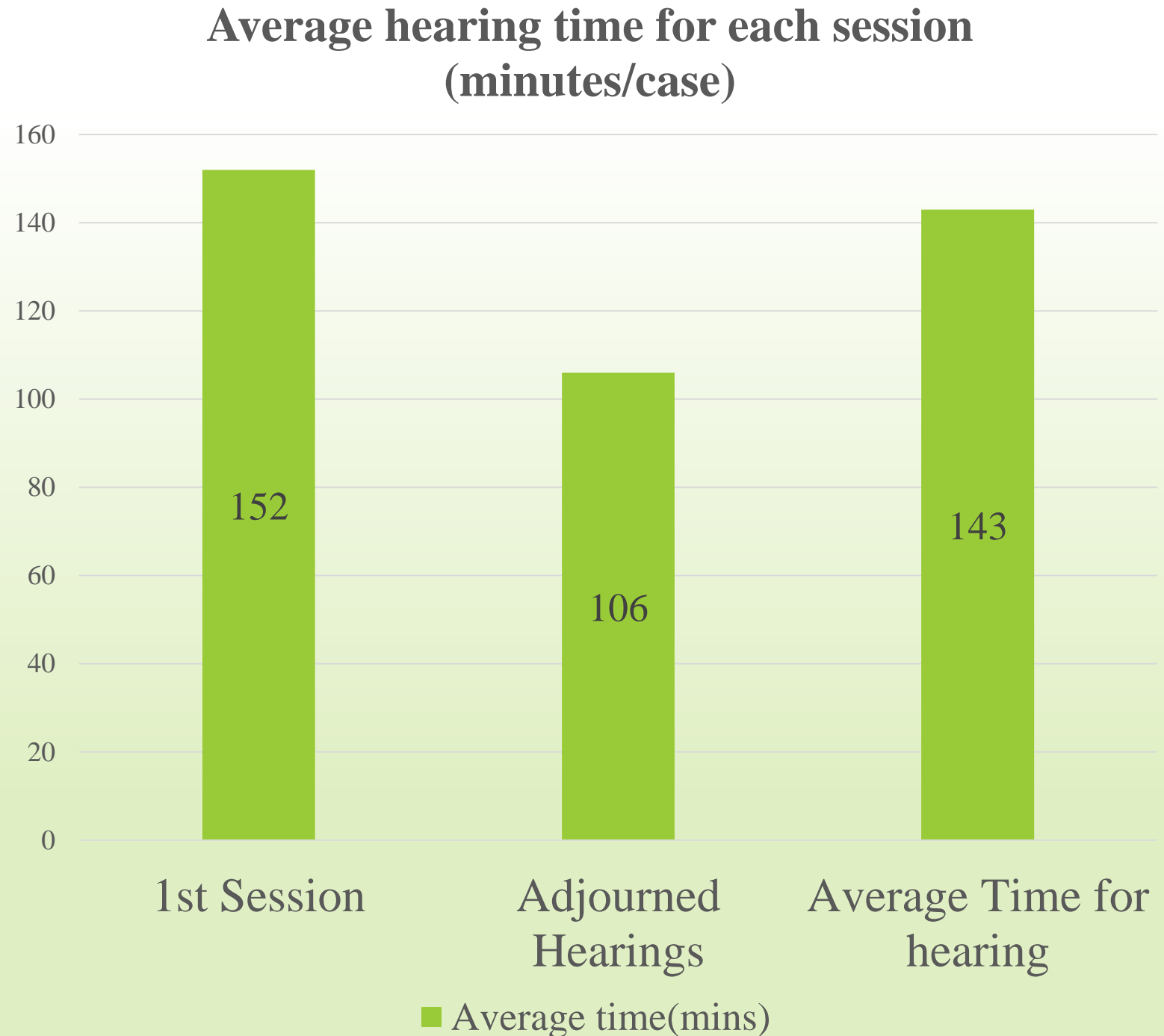
(a) No. of cases settled by CSC	166
No. of cases settled before the CSC hearing	35
No. of cases settled at the CSC hearing	67
No. of cases settled after CSC hearing	64
(b) Total No. of cases handled by CSC	309
Total (= $\frac{(a)}{(b)} \times 100\%$)	54%



Statistical findings

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- Average hearing time: 144 minutes per case



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- The questionnaires were collected on voluntary and anonymous basis

Total No. of questionnaires Distributed: 1014

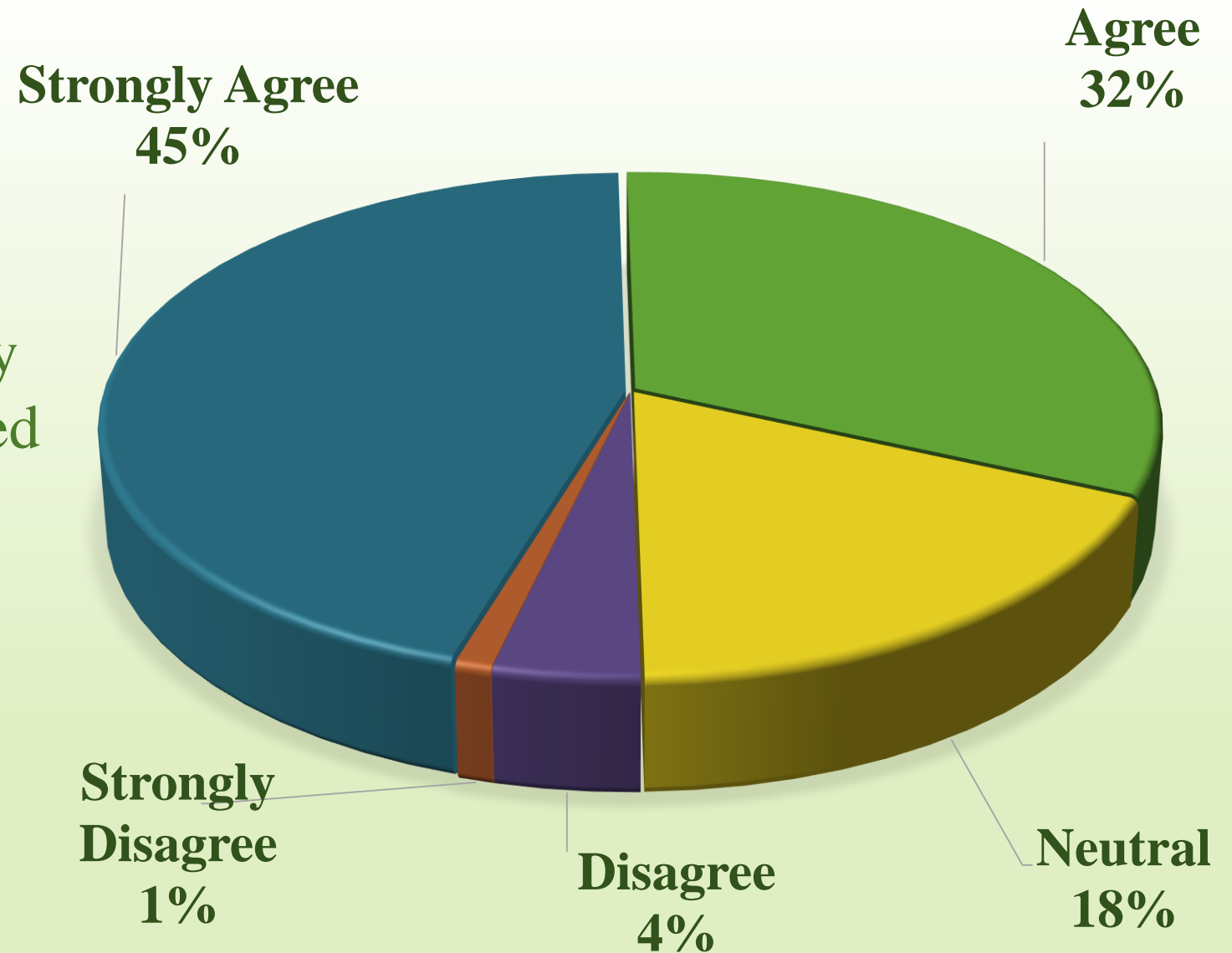
Total No. of questionnaires Received: 464

Response Rate: 45.76%

Statistical findings

(Jan 2021 – Dec 2022)

- Number of surveys: 464
- 77% of the parties strongly agree/agree CSC had helped to save time

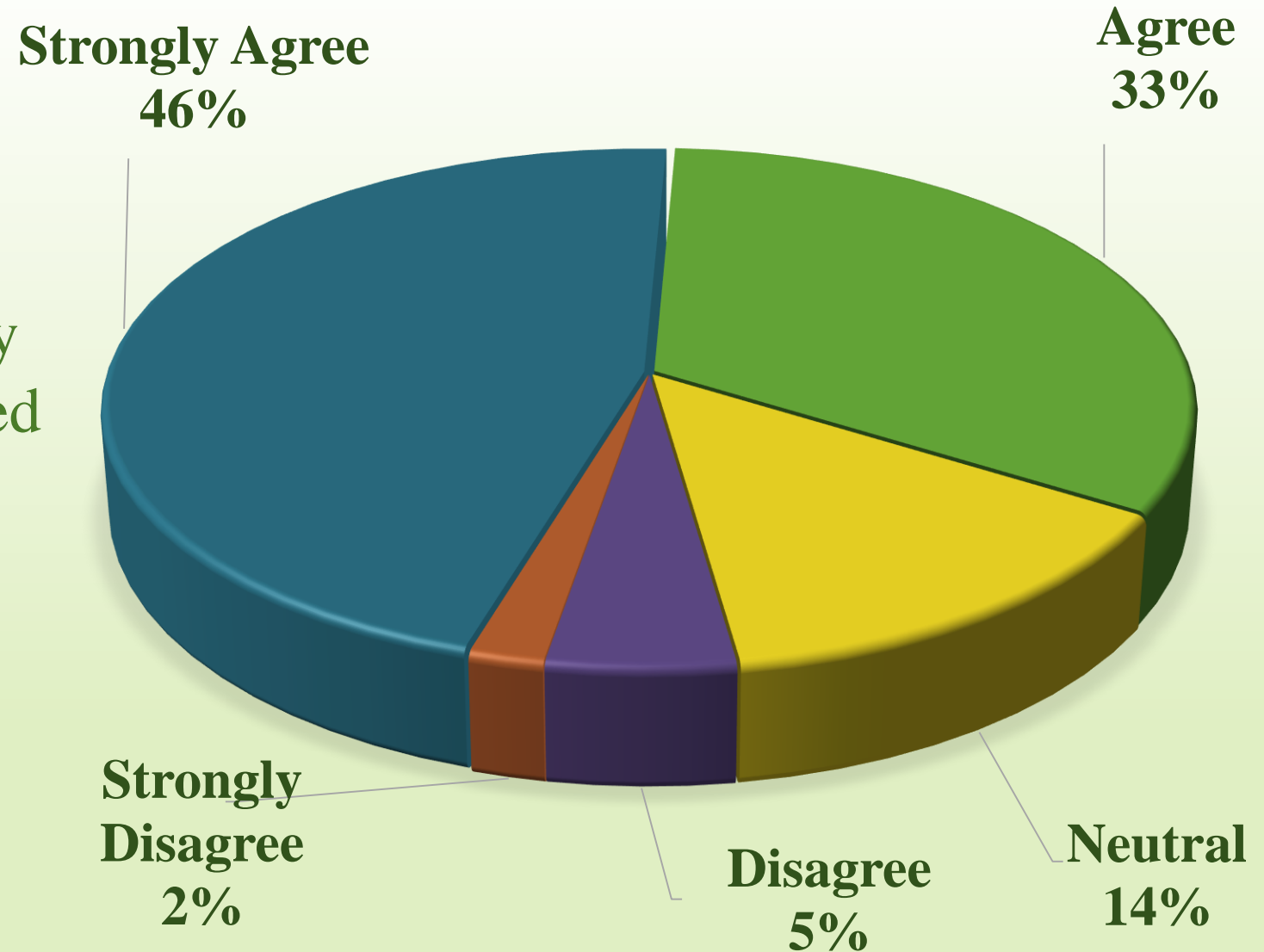


Statistical findings

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- Number of surveys: 464
- 79% of the parties strongly agree/agree CSC had helped to save / reduce litigation costs

Case Settlement Conference had helped to save / reduce litigation costs

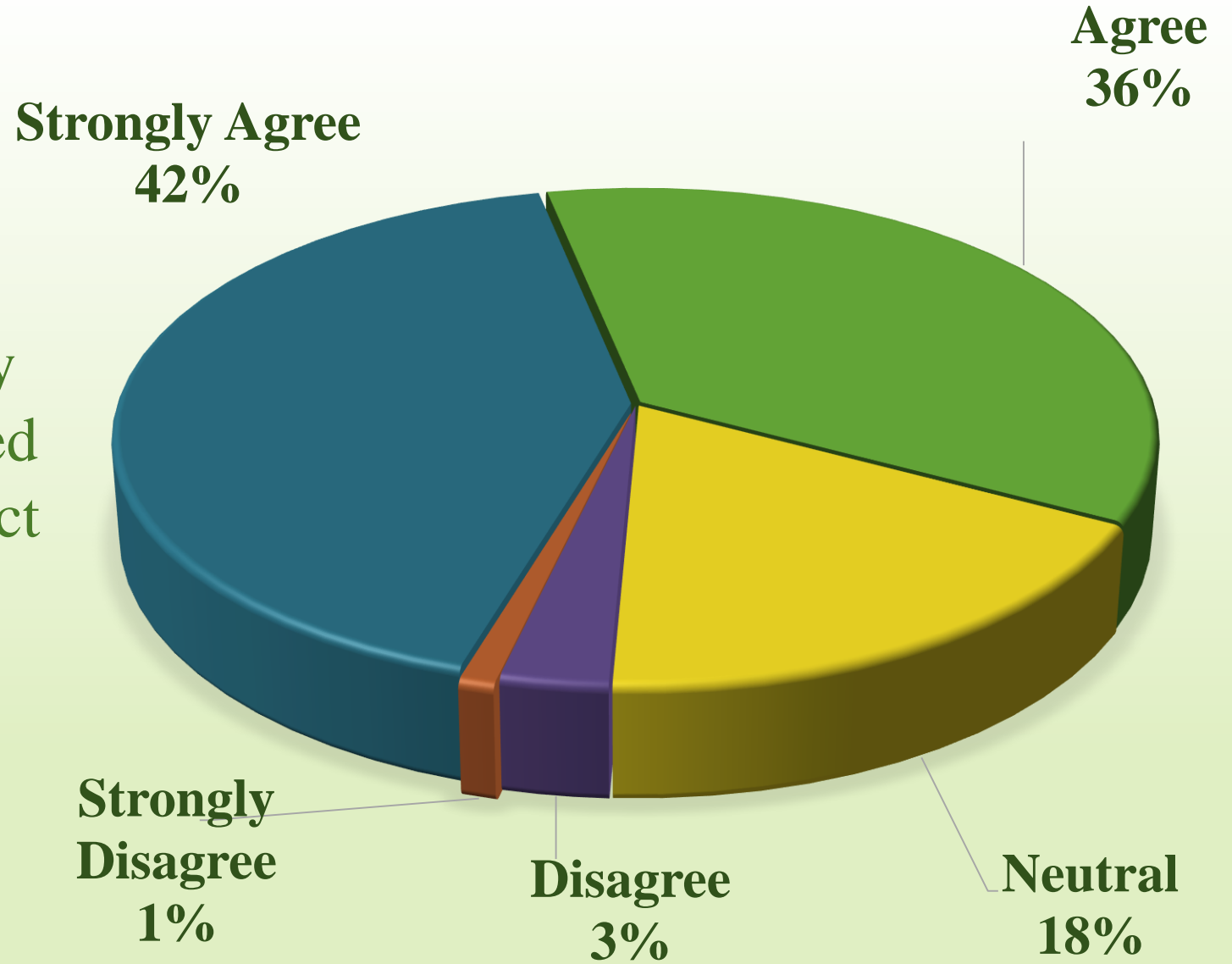


Statistical findings

(Jan 2021 – Dec 2022)

- Number of surveys: 464
- 78% of the parties strongly agree/agree CSC had helped to avoid tension and conflict in litigation

Case Settlement Conference had helped to avoid tension and conflict in litigation

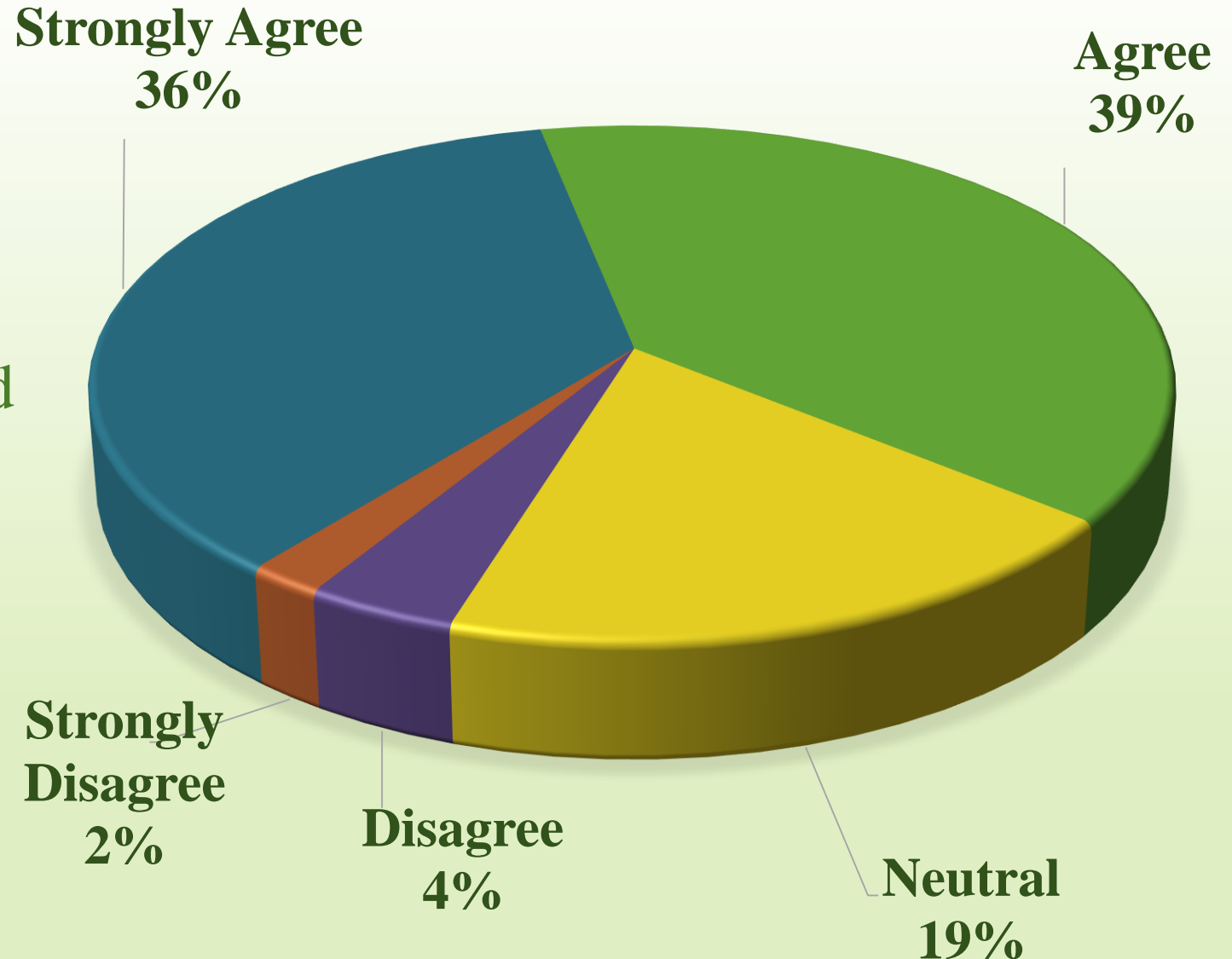


Statistical findings

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- Number of surveys: 464
- 75% of the parties strongly agree/agree CSC had helped to alleviate the tense relationship with the other party / parties

Case Settlement Conference had helped to alleviate the tense relationship with the other party / parties

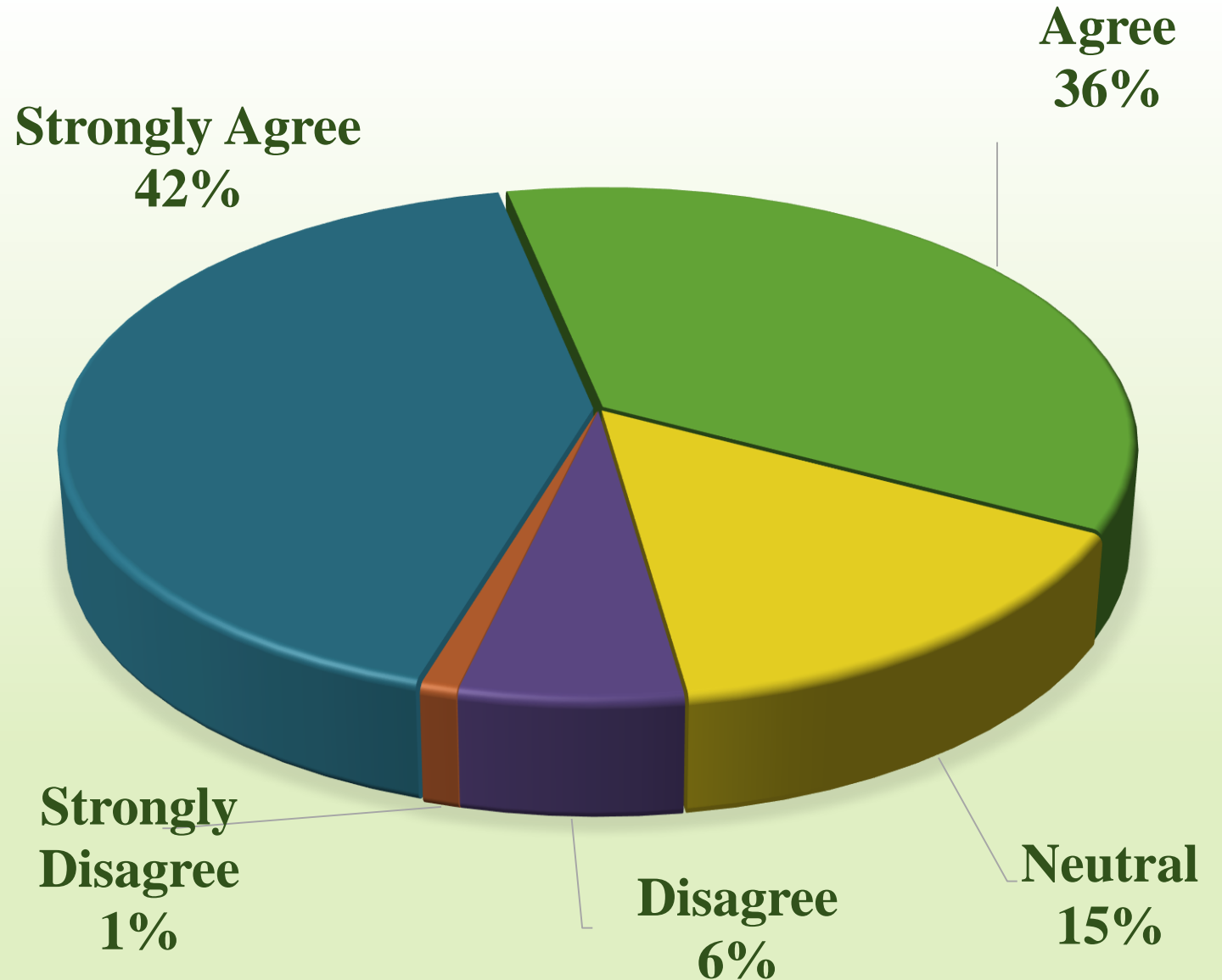


Statistical findings

(Jan 2021 – Dec 2022)

- Number of surveys: 464
- 78% of the parties strongly agree/agree CSC had helped party / parties to understand the matters in dispute

Case Settlement Conference had helped party / parties to understand the matters in dispute

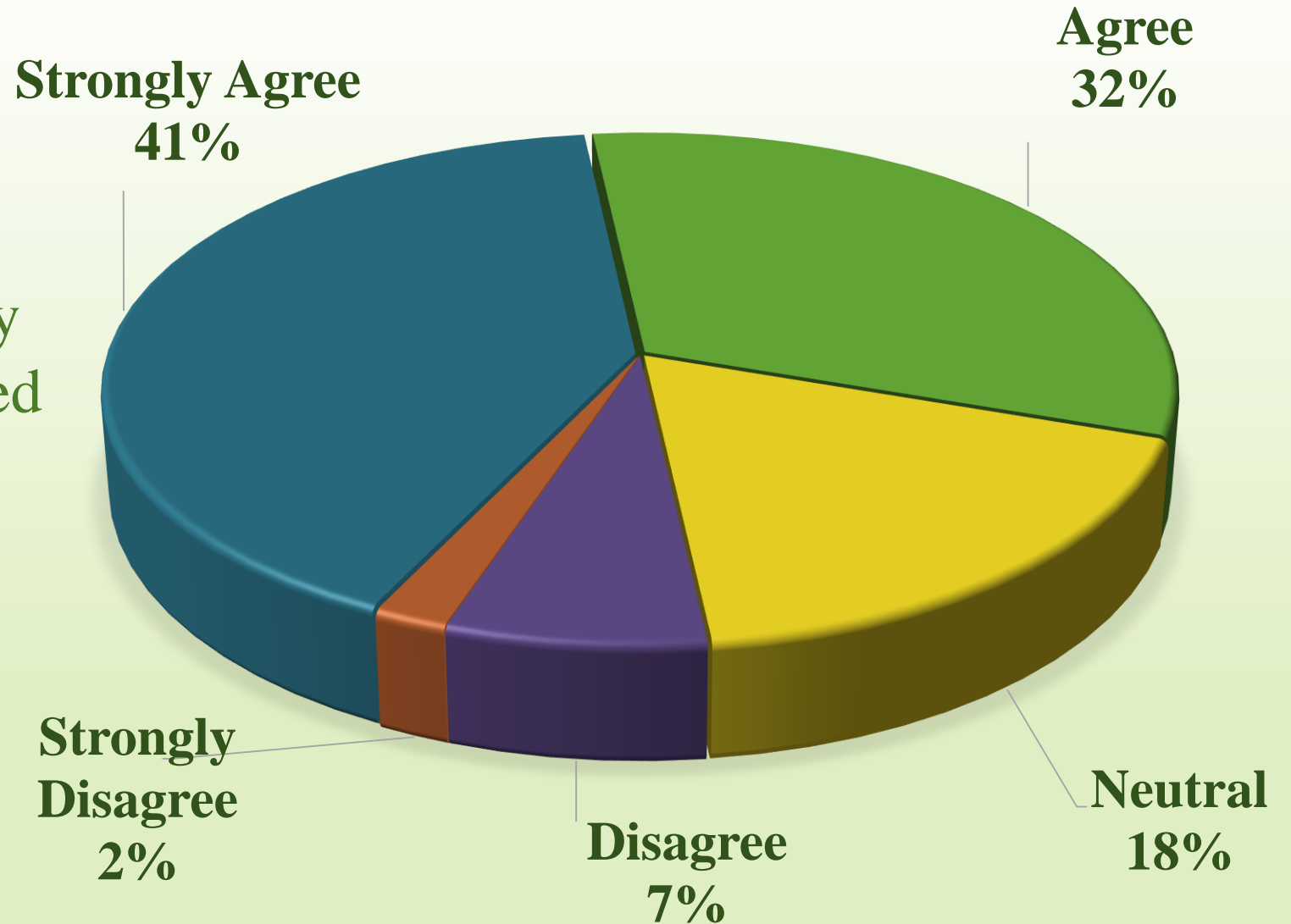


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- Number of surveys: 464
- 73% of the parties strongly agree/agree CSC had helped party / parties to narrow down the issues to be tried

Case Settlement Conference had helped party / parties to narrow down the issues to be tried

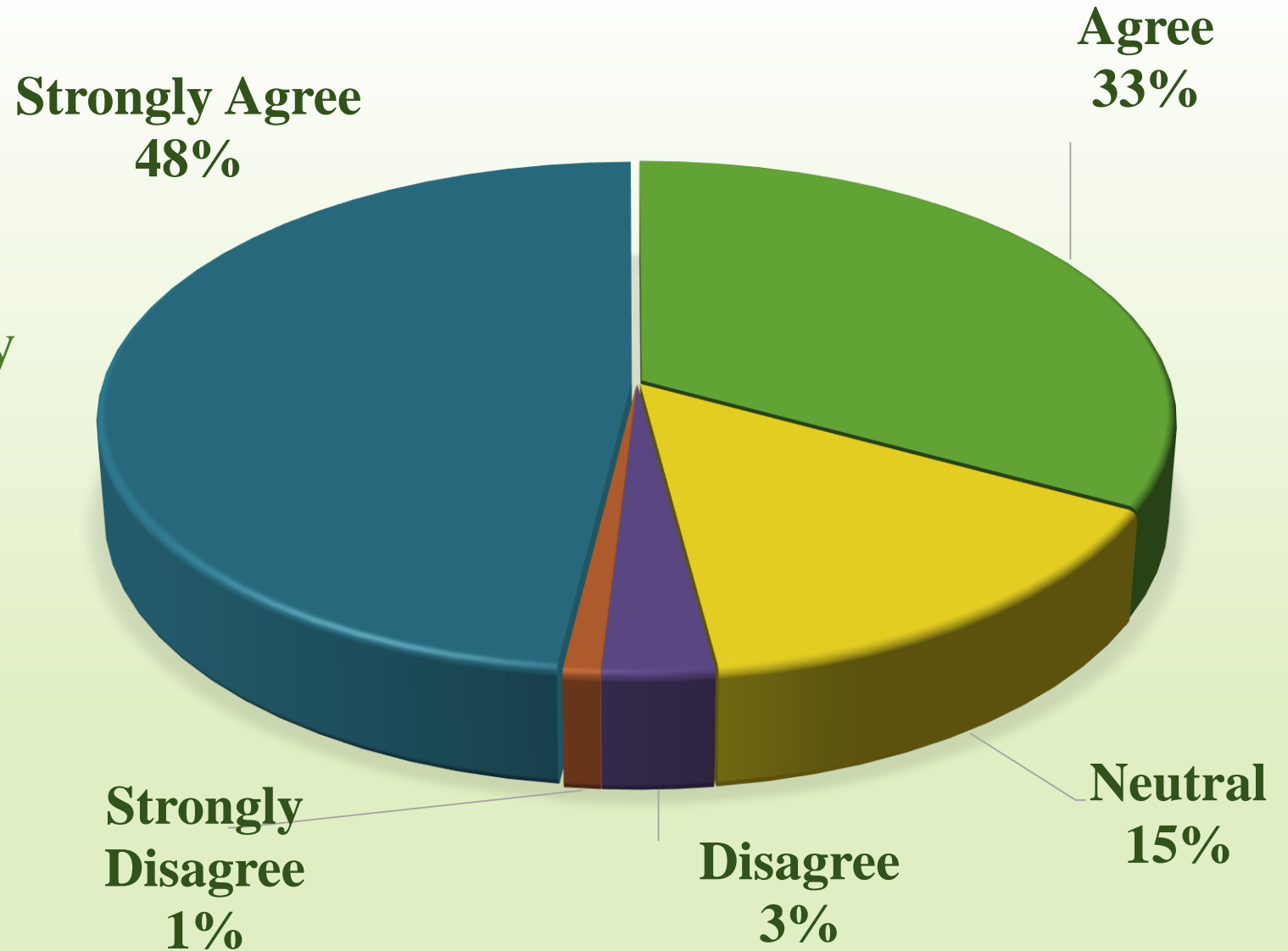


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- Number of surveys: 464
- 81% of the parties strongly agree/agree CSC is an effective alternative in resolving current disputes

Case Settlement Conference is an effective alternative in resolving current disputes



Statistical findings

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Overall comment on Case Settlement Conference

About the process

- The case settlement conference was helpful and assisted in the early resolution of the dispute.
- Satisfactory, useful tools to settle the dispute
- A good exercise. Helpful attempt at bringing the parties closer to a settlement.
- 能給予各方有商討的平台，減少不理性爭論
- 氣氛在法庭主持下十分清晰，適合談判
- 能夠提高案件成功地和解的機會

Statistical findings

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Overall comment on Case Settlement Conference

About the Masters

- The Master was very thoughtful and fair to enable parties to consider their respective positions.
- Master of the court clearly explained the process and concern of settlement to the parties which helped a lot
- 法庭法官給予一個好機會給雙方初步溝通- 我非常同意法官的詳細解說
- 很好，特別是法官相當耐心解釋案件及努力調解雙方。
- 非常好，聆案官的說話語氣和說法令雙方很舒服，很願意去傾談。
- 聆案官分析中肯全面，有助雙方了解對案件心態及爭議，即使未能達至和解，亦能有效為訴訟作更好準備事項

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Overall comment on Case Settlement Conference

About the parties' views

- Enable parties to really think about their cases after listening to the advice from the Master
- Good opportunity for the parties to have face to face expression
- It is very helpful to give parties a platform to express their thoughts
- 可以幫到各方在不緊張氣氛下暢所欲言
- 可能協助雙方深思訴訟的後果
- 有建設性，有助各方了解各方意見

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Overall comment on Case Settlement Conference

About the costs

- Very productive and helpful for the costs reduction
- It is time saving process
- 有助節省時間及政府公帑
- 是有助減少民事訴訟的糾紛，及時間及費用
- 有助收窄審訊事項及節省時間
- 省時，減少訟費
- 和解會議可盡量避免冗長的訴訟時間而引申至更多的訴訟費

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Overall comment on Case Settlement Conference

About the understanding of the subject matter

- Court assisted mediation is very effective because the lay clients are more receptive to the realities of their cases
- Very useful and constructive in trimming down the issues in dispute
- 令本人更清晰路向及有務實方案解決問題
- 滿意，能夠指出分歧的重點和鼓勵雙方達成和解
- 和解會議提供了一個平台給與訟雙方交流雙方的想法及案情
- 對案情更清楚及明白到原告人索賠並不只金錢