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Paper Title: **The Cost of Waiting: Judicial Delays in the Indian Legal System**

**Abstract: Our paper explores the problem of judicial delays in the Indian legal system. In Part I, we discuss the judicial delay problem in detail: why the problem has arisen, what perpetuates it, and who is affected by it. In Part II, we detail some of the recent legislative reforms that have been made to curb judicial delays. In Part III, we discuss a unique extrajudicial measure that has been taken to help with delays, called the *Lok Adalat* system. In Part IV, we look at the effect of delays on commercial transactions. And in Part V, we end with reflections on the judicial delays' societal impacts.**