

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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ADOPTION OF THE PHASE 7 CASE ) Administrative Order  
PROCESSING STANDARDS AND ) No. 2020 - 110  
ELIMINATION OF THE PROBATE ) (Affecting Administrative  
ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES ) Orders 2012-80, 2013-95,  
CASE PROCESSING STANDARD ) and 2015-60)  
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On October 17, 2012, the Steering Committee on Arizona Case Processing Standards (the Committee) was established by Administrative Order 2012-80. As required by the Administrative Order, the Committee reviewed the national model time standards, statutory requirements, court rules, and business processes of Arizona courts and recommended provisional case processing standards for all case types in the municipal, justice, and superior courts. Through Administrative Order 2013-95, the Supreme Court adopted the provisional standards. The Court also charged the Committee with addressing implementation issues, including the development of case processing time standard reports.

Administrative Orders 2014-81, 2014-108, 2015-60, 2015-99, 2016-50, and 2019-79 adopted final case processing standards for Phases 1 through 6 of the time standards project.

For Phase 7, the Committee recommended final case processing standards for Family Law Post-Judgment Petitions/Motions and Limited Jurisdiction Court Appeals in Arizona courts. These case processing time standards apply to aggregate categories of cases for a court and are separate and distinct from time limits that are required by statute, rule, or case law for processing a specific case.

Additionally, the Committee recommended eliminating the case processing standard for Probate Administration of Estates cases, adopted as part of Phase 3 on June 24, 2015 by Administrative Order 2015-60.

On June 23, 2020, the Arizona Judicial Council unanimously recommended approval of the Phase 7 Family Law Post-Judgment Petitions/Motions and Limited Jurisdiction Court Appeals case processing standards and elimination of the case processing standard for Probate Administration of Estates cases.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED, nunc pro tunc, that the case processing time standards in Appendix A are adopted as final and effective July 1, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED eliminating the case processing standard for Probate Administration of Estates cases.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2020.

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ROBERT M. BRUTINEL  
Chief Justice

**APPENDIX A  
CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS**

<u>CASE TYPE</u>	<u>ARIZONA STANDARD</u>
Phase 7	
Family Law Post-Judgment Petitions/Motions	50% within 180 days 90% within 270 days 98% within 365 days
Limited Jurisdiction Court Appeals	75% within 180 days 99% within 365 days

*See Arizona Case Processing Time Summary Chart for further specifications.*