

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	
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ADOPTION OF ARIZONA CASE	)	Administrative Order
PROCESSING TIME STANDARDS	)	No. 2015 - <u>99</u>
	)	(Affecting Administrative
	)	Order Nos. 2015-60, 2014-
	)	108, 2013-95, and 2012-80)
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On October 17, 2012, the Steering Committee on Arizona Case Processing Standards (the Committee) was established by Administrative Order No. 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 No. 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 Order Nos. 2014-81, 2014-108, and 2015-60 adopted final case processing standards for Phases 1, 2, and 3 of the time standards project.

For Phase 4, the Committee recommended final case processing standards for criminal post-conviction relief cases and family law temporary order cases in the superior court. Standards were also recommended for eviction actions and civil local ordinances in the justice and municipal courts.

Additionally, the Committee recommended removing one time standard tier for civil traffic cases originally established by Administrative Order No. 2014-108, and to add two time standard tiers for misdemeanor cases originally established by Administrative Order No. 2015-60. The Arizona Judicial Council recommended approval of the Phase 4 standards and the foregoing modifications to the existing standards adjustments on October 22, 2015.

Previously approved Misdemeanor time standards from Phase 3 will remain in effect as per Administrative Order No. 2015-60. Misdemeanor statistical reports will include Phase 3 standards and Phase 4 standards. To allow for updated and comprehensive reporting of misdemeanor cases, these reports will be due according to Phase 4 reporting dates and timelines.

These case processing time standards apply to aggregate categories of cases for a court and are separate and distinct from statutory time limits that are required by statute, rule, or case law for processing a specific case.

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

IT IS ORDERED that the case processing time standards in Appendix A are adopted as final and effective July 1, 2016.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. The Presiding Judge and the Clerk of Court of each county shall review the case processing time standards reports and institute measures to enhance the quality and timeliness of data entered into the case management systems.
2. The Administrative Director shall be responsible for maintaining the Arizona Case Processing Time Summary Chart detailing the specifications for calculation of time to disposition and excluded time for each case type.
3. The Committee shall continue to submit periodic reports, address implementation issues as described in the Committee's Interim Report, and recommend final case processing standards for additional case types to the Arizona Supreme Court for its approval and adoption.
4. The final case processing time standard reports, but not drafts, shall be open to the public.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2015.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice

APPENDIX A

CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS

<u>CASE TYPE</u>	<u>ARIZONA STANDARD</u>
Phase 4	
Criminal Post-Conviction Relief	94% within 180 days
Family Law Temporary Orders	90% within 60 days 98% within 120 days
Eviction Actions	98% within 10 days
Civil Local Ordinance	75% within 60 days 90% within 90 days 98% within 180 days
Misdemeanor	75% within 60 days (moved from Phase 3) 90% within 90 days 98% within 180 days
Revision to Phases 2	
Civil Traffic	80% within 60 days 98% within 90 days

See Arizona Case Processing Time Summary Chart for further specifications.