

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
ADOPTION OF THE PHASE 5	)	Administrative Order
CASE PROCESSING STANDARD	)	No. 2016 - <u>50</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, 2015-66, and 2015-99 adopted final case processing standards for Phases 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the time standards project.

For Phase 5, the Steering Committee recommended final case processing standards for small claims cases in justice courts.

Additionally, the Steering Committee recommended revising the juvenile delinquency time standards originally established by Administrative Order No. 2014-108 by eliminating the “in detention” standard and excluding entirely from the calculation cases with the following events: warrants, diversion, or mental competency proceedings.

The Arizona Judicial Council recommended approval of the Phase 5 small claims standard and the foregoing modifications to the existing juvenile delinquency time standards from Phase 1 on June 20, 2016.

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 August 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 standard 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 29th day of June, 2016.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice

APPENDIX A

CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS

<u>CASE TYPE</u>	<u>ARIZONA STANDARD</u>
Phase 5	
Small Claims	75% within 100 days 75% within 150 days 98% within 180 days
Revision to Phase 1	
Juvenile Delinquency (both in and out of detention)	75% within 60 days 90% within 90 days 98% within 135 days

See Arizona Case Processing Time Summary Chart for further specifications.