

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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MANDATORY JUDICIAL EDUCATION) Administrative Order
PROGRAM ON MISDEMEANOR) No. 2025 - 187
DUI CASE PROCESSING AND TIME)
STANDARDS)
_____)

Ensuring that Driving Under the Influence (DUI) cases are resolved timely is vital to delivering justice, protecting public safety, and supporting public trust and confidence among Arizona citizens. This Court has adopted Criminal DUI Misdemeanor case processing standards to advance this purpose. This goal is further promoted by including in the Arizona Judicial Branch’s 2024-2029 Strategic Agenda Goal 4.1, Court Data Accuracy and Case Management, which prioritizes the increased use of data tools that support efficient case management.

Administrative Order No. 2020-53 established the Steering Committee on Data-Based Court Performance and Data Standards (“Committee”). The Committee subsequently formed the Misdemeanor DUI Time Standards Workgroup (“Workgroup”), tasked with evaluating the existing Criminal DUI Misdemeanor case processing standards and recommending revisions as appropriate. The Workgroup proposed revisions to the case processing standards for Criminal DUI Misdemeanor cases and recommended required training on time standards for limited jurisdiction court judges.

Administrative Order No. 2025-67 was issued on April 9, 2025, and adopted revised case processing standards for Criminal DUI Misdemeanor cases. The Workgroup subsequently developed training for limited jurisdiction court judges on the revised time standards, caseflow management best practices, and strategies for meeting benchmarks in Criminal DUI Misdemeanor cases. The training consists of two parts: the Chief Justice’s overview video on Criminal DUI Misdemeanor case processing standards, and a 90-minute panel discussion.

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

IT IS ORDERED that all limited jurisdiction court judges, including justices of the peace, municipal court magistrates, and pro tempore judges (collectively “judges”), must view the Chief Justice’s Criminal DUI Misdemeanor Time Standards video between November 1 and November 30, 2025.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all limited jurisdiction court judges who take office or are appointed on or after December 1, 2025 must view, within 60 days of taking office or being appointed, the Chief Justice’s Criminal DUI Misdemeanor Time Standards video.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all limited jurisdiction court judges who are required to attend the annual judicial conference under the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) § 1-302(I) must attend a Criminal DUI Misdemeanor Time Standards training session at either the 2025 Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) Conference or the 2026 Arizona Judicial Conference.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all limited jurisdiction court judges who are not required to attend the annual judicial conference under ACJA § 1-302(I) must view by February 1, 2026 or within 60 days of taking office or being appointed, whichever occurs later, either the 2025 GOHS training video or the 2026 Judicial Conference training video, if available.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all limited jurisdiction judges who take office or are appointed after the 2026 Arizona Judicial Conference must view, within 60 days of taking office or being appointed, either the 2025 GOHS training video or the 2026 Judicial Conference training video.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that requests for exemption from any training required by this Order shall be submitted in writing to the Chief Justice and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

Dated this 29th of October, 2025.

ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice