



Arizona Rules and Statutes	Timelines under Statute and Rule
<p><b>Duties of Counsel:</b> ARS § 36-537(B)(1)</p> <p>ARS § 36-537(B)(2)</p> <p>ARS § 36-537(B)(3) and (4)</p> <p>ARS § 36-538</p>	<p>Within <b>24 hours</b> of appointment, the patient’s attorney must conduct an interview with the patient and explain the patient’s rights.</p> <p>At least <b>24 hours</b> before the hearing, the patient’s attorney must review the petition for evaluation, pre-petition screening report, evaluation report, petition for treatment, the patient’s medical records, and the list of alternatives to court-ordered treatment.</p> <p>At least <b>24 hours</b> before the hearing, the patient’s attorney must interview the petitioner, if available, and the petitioner’s supporting witnesses, if known and available, interview the physicians or the psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioner who will testify at the hearing, if available, and investigate the possibility of alternatives to court-ordered treatment.</p> <p>The patient has a right to an independent evaluator for an analysis of his or her mental condition. If the person is unable to afford an evaluation, the court must appoint an independent evaluator acceptable to the patient from a list of physicians, psychiatric, and mental health nurse practitioners with sufficient relevant experience, as determined by the medical director and psychologists, who are willing to accept court-appointed evaluations.</p>
<p><b>Disposition:</b> ARS § 36-540</p>	<p><b>Entry of Order:</b> The court must order the patient to undergo treatment if it finds by clear and convincing evidence that the proposed patient, as a result of a mental disorder, is a danger to self, is a danger to others, is acutely disabled or is gravely disabled and in need of treatment, and is either unwilling or unable to accept voluntary treatment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Measurement Stops Here)</b></p>