

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
ADOPTION OF ARIZONA CASE) Administrative Order
PROCESSING TIME STANDARDS) No. 2014 - 81
) (Affecting Administrative
) Order Nos. 2013-95 and 2012-80)
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_____)

The Steering Committee on Arizona Case Processing Standards (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 and extended the term of the Committee. The Court also charged the Committee with addressing implementation issues, including the development of case processing time standard reports.

The Committee has recommended final case processing standards for Civil, Felony, Juvenile Delinquency and Status Offenses, Juvenile Neglect and Abuse, and Juvenile Termination of Parental Rights in the Superior Court. Additionally, the Committee recommended standards for Misdemeanor Driving under the Influence cases in the Justice and Municipal Courts. The Arizona Judicial Council recommended approval of these standards on June 23, 2014.

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 January 1, 2015.

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 13th day of August, 2014.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice

APPENDIX A
CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS

<u>CASE TYPE</u>	<u>ARIZONA STANDARD</u>
Superior Court Civil	60% within 180 days 90% within 365 days 96% within 540 days
Criminal Felony	65% within 90 days 85% within 180 days 96% within 365 days
Criminal DUI Misdemeanor	85% within 120 days 93% within 180 days
Juvenile Delinquency and Status Offense	<u>Youth in detention:</u> 75% within 30 days 90% within 45 days 98% within 75 days <u>Youth not in detention:</u> 75% within 60 days 90% within 90 days 98% within 135 days
Juvenile Neglect and Abuse	<u>Permanency Hearing:</u> 98% of children under 3 years of age within 180 days of removal 98% of all other cases within 365 days of removal
Juvenile Termination of Parental Rights	90% within 120 days 98% within 180 days

See Arizona Case Processing Time Summary Chart for further specifications.