

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
ADOPTION OF THE PHASE 6) Administrative Order
CASE PROCESSING STANDARD) No. 2019 - 79
) (Affecting Administrative
) Order Nos. 2012-80 and 2013-95)
_____)

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 No's. 2014-81, 2014-108, 2015-60, 2015-99, and 2016-50 adopted final case processing standards for Phases 1 through 5 of the time standards project.

For Phase 6, the Steering Committee recommended final case processing standards for ex parte protective orders in Arizona courts. This case processing time standard applies to aggregate categories of cases for a court and is separate and distinct from time limits that are required by statute, rule, or case law for processing a specific case.

The Arizona Judicial Council recommended approval of the Phase 6 ex parte protective orders standard on June 17, 2019.

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

IT IS ORDERED, nunc pro tunc, that the case processing time standard in Appendix A is adopted as final and effective July 1, 2019.

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 Standards 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 10th day of July, 2019.

ROBERT M. BRUTINEL
Chief Justice

**APPENDIX A
CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS**

<u>CASE TYPE</u>	<u>ARIZONA STANDARD</u>
Phase 6	
Ex Parte Protection Orders	99% within 24 hours

See Arizona Case Processing Time Summary Chart for further specifications.