

Committee on Arizona Case Processing Standards

The National Center for State Courts developed [Model Time Standards for State Trial Courts](#), and this model was adopted by the Conference of State Court Administrators, the American Bar Association and the Conference of Chief Justices. These Model Time Standards were developed with the intent of unifying the disparate national models previously in place.

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, based on this review, developed a provisional set of case processing standards for all case types in the justice, municipal, and superior courts. The Committee also developed recommendations on how the Arizona Judiciary should proceed with implementing the case processing time standards in Arizona's courts.

The Committee submitted its report to the Arizona Judicial Council in October 2013. In the report, the Committee noted several challenges to implementing case processing time standards, including incomplete or inaccurate case data and the uneven access to case management reports essential for comparing current case processing times with proposed provisional standards. Through [Administrative Order No. 2013-95](#), the Supreme Court adopted the provisional standards and extended the term of the Committee. The Supreme Court also charged the Committee with addressing implementation issues, including the development of case processing time standard reports.

The Committee shall continue to review and recommend standards for the various case types to the Arizona Supreme Court for approval and adoption.

The Committee was established as part of the [Justice 2020 Strategic Agenda](#). Chief Justice Scott Bales included the Committee's mission in the [Advancing Justice Together: Courts and Communities Strategic Agenda](#).