

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE) Administrative Order
STEERING COMMITTEE ON) No. 2012 - 80
ARIZONA CASE PROCESSING)
STANDARDS)
_____)

Part of the vision for Arizona’s Judicial Branch, as set forth in its Justice 2020 Strategic Agenda, is to strengthen the administration of justice. Timely justice promotes public trust and confidence in the courts. The establishment of case processing time standards emphasizes the need for judicial officers and court personnel to renew focus on this essential part of their work.

Development of case processing standards for Arizona will provide a reasonable set of expectations for courts, lawyers, and for the public. The time standards serve as benchmarks for determining whether the pace of court proceedings is achievable in Arizona courts.

In 2011, the National Center for State Courts published the “Model Time Standards for State Trial Courts.” These standards for the disposition of cases in the state courts were developed and adopted by the Conference of State Court Administrators, the Conference of Chief Justices, the American Bar Association House of Delegates, and the National Association for Court Managers.

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

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. The Steering Committee on Arizona Case Processing Standards is established.
2. **PURPOSE:** The Committee shall review the national time standards for processing all major case types in limited and general jurisdiction courts and develop and recommend state case processing standards for Arizona. The Committee will take into account statutory requirements, court rules, court jurisdiction, and any other relevant factors in recommending statewide case processing standards. The Committee may also make high-level recommendations for implementing the case processing standards.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** The membership of the Committee is attached as Appendix A. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as may be necessary.

4. MEETINGS: All meetings shall comply with the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202: Public Meetings. Committee meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Committee Chair.
5. REPORTS: The Committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Arizona Supreme Court for approval no later than December 2013.
6. STAFF: Under the general direction of its Administrative Director, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff to assist the Committee and, as feasible, to conduct or coordinate research and consult with external experts as requested by the Committee.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2012.

REBECCA WHITE BERCH
Chief Justice

APPENDIX A

**MEMBERSHIP LIST
STEERING COMMITTEE ON ARIZONA CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS**

Chair

Hon. Robert M. Brutinel
Arizona Supreme Court

Justice and Municipal Courts

Hon. Jill Davis, Presiding Justice of the Peace
Superior Court in Mohave County

Hon. Sherry Geisler, Presiding Justice of the Peace
Superior Court in Apache County

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Flagstaff Municipal Court

Hon. Eric Jeffery, Assistant Presiding Judge
Phoenix Municipal Court

Hon. Steven McMurry, Presiding Justice of the Peace
Maricopa County

Hon. Antonio Riojas, Judge
Tucson City Court

Public and Bar Members

Mr. James Haas, Public Defender
Maricopa County

Ms. Michelle Matiski, Head of Corporate Legal Group
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Coconino County Attorney's Office

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Arizona State University

Superior Courts

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Superior Court in Pima County

Hon. Peter Cahill, Presiding Judge
Superior Court in Gila County

Hon. Richard Fields, Judge
Superior Court in Pima County

Hon. Pamela Frasher Gates, Judge
Superior Court in Maricopa County

Hon. Kenton Jones, Judge
Superior Court in Yavapai County

Hon. Sandra Markham, Clerk of Court
Superior Court in Yavapai County

Hon. Mark Moran, Presiding Judge
Superior Court in Coconino County

Hon. Rosa Mroz, Judge
Superior Court in Maricopa County

Hon. John Rea, Judge
Superior Court in Maricopa County

Hon. Sally Simmons, Presiding Judge
Superior Court in Pima County