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Table I. Definition of Time Standard Terms by Case Type – CIRCUIT COURTS

Case Type Time Standard (Performance Goal)	Case Time Start	Case Time Suspension		Case Time Stop	Additional Measures
		Suspend Begin [†]	Suspend End ^{††,†††}		
Criminal 6 Months (180 Days) (98%)	First of either of the two dates: ○ First Court Appearance of Defendant, or ○ Entry of Appearance by Counsel (Rule 4-271) <u>Note:</u> Date should reflect the Hicks starting date.	Bench Warrant Issue Date	Warrant Outcome Date	<u>Charge Disposition</u> ○ Plea or Verdict (first guilty for multi-charged cases) * ○ Stet ○ Nolle Prosequi (in single-charged cases or all charges in multi-charged cases) ○ Reverse Waiver Granted ○ Found 'Not Criminally Responsible' ○ Probation Before Judgment	1. Arrest/Service of Summons or Citation Date to Filing 2. Filing to First Appearance 3. Plea/Verdict Date to Sentence Date
		Mistrial Date	Retrial Date		
		NCR Evaluation Order Date	NCR Finding Date or NCR Eval withdrawn		
		Petition for Reverse Waiver Date	Reverse Waiver Decision Date (Granted, Denied, Withdrawn)		
		Competency Evaluation Order Date	Date Found Competent or Competency Eval withdrawn		
		Interlocutory Appeal Filing Date	Interlocutory Appeal Decision (Mandate) Filed Date		
		Military Leave Date	Military Return Date		
		Postponement Date Due to DNA/Forensic Evidence Unavailable	Receipt Date of DNA/Forensic Evidence		
		Date of Court Order for Psychological Evaluation	Receipt Date of the Court-Ordered Psychological Evaluation		
		Problem-Solving Court Diversion Ordered	Exit/Completion of Problem-Solving Court Diversion		
Civil General <u>Foreclosure Cases</u> 24 Months (730 Days) (98%) <u>All Other Civil General Cases</u> 18 Months (548 Days) (98%)	Filing Date	Bankruptcy Filing Date (Suggestion or Notice)	Order Lifting Bankruptcy Stay Date	<u>Disposition</u> ○ Dismissal ○ Judgment ○ Order of Binding Arbitration ○ Final Order of Ratification of Auditor's Report (foreclosure cases)	1. Filing to Service or Answer, whichever comes first
		Demand for (Non-Binding) Arbitration Date	(Non-Binding) Arbitration Reinstatement Date		
		Interlocutory Appeal Filing Date	Interlocutory Appeal Decision (Mandate) Date		
		Military Leave Date	Military Return Date		
		Body Attachment Issue Date	Body Attachment Outcome Date		
		Mistrial Date	Retrial Date		
		Stay for Receivership	Discharge/Removal of Receivership Stay		
		Request for Foreclosure Mediation Filing Date	Foreclosure Mediation Outcome Date		

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^{††} If a suspension begins sometime between the case start and stop date, and the case ends via dismissal or Nol Pros (prior to obtaining the suspension end date), the suspension time is calculated from suspension begin to the dismissal or Nol Pros date (i.e., case stop date). (Manual Process) ^{†††} For Circuit Criminal cases, the date of a guilty plea (accepted by the court) can also serve as a valid case time suspension stop in the absence of other qualifying suspension stop events in a case. (Manual Process).

*New for FY 2025

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Family Law 12 Months (365 Days) (98%)	Filing Date†††	Bankruptcy Filing Date (Suggestion or Notice)	Order Lifting Bankruptcy Stay Date	<u>Disposition</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dismissal ○ Disposition of all Issues* 	Circuit Court Filing to Service or Answer, whichever comes first
		Interlocutory Appeal Filing Date	Interlocutory Appeal Decision (Mandate) Date		
		Military Leave Date	Military Return Date		
		Body Attachment Issue Date	Body Attachment Outcome Date		
		No Service in Child Support cases after 90 days from filing	Service Date in Child Support cases or Dismissal Date if Service never effected		
		Collaborative Law Filing Date	Collaborative Law Conclusion Date		
		Stay for Receivership	Discharge/Removal of Receivership Stay		
		Problem-Solving Court Diversion Ordered	Exit/Completion of Problem-Solving Court Diversion		
Juvenile Delinquency 90 Days (98%)	First Appearance of Respondent, or Entry of Appearance by Counsel	Body Attachment Issue Date	Body Attachment Outcome Date	<u>Charge Disposition</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finding Delinquent/Non-Delinquent ○ Stay with Delinquent Finding ○ Jurisdiction Waived ○ Dismissal (in single-charged cases or all charges in multi-charged cases) ○ Stet ○ Probation ○ Nolle Prosequi ○ Waiver Granted ○ Change of Venue 	1. Original Offense date to Filing 2. Petition Filing date to first appearance 3. Adjudication Time (Start Date to Adjudication Date)
		Military Leave Date	Military Return Date		
		Competency Evaluation Order Date	Date Found Competent		
		Mistrial Date	Retrial after Mistrial Date		
		Waiver to Adult Court Petition Filing Date	Waiver Decision Filing Date (Granted, Denied or Withdrawn)		
		Interlocutory Appeal Filing Date	Interlocutory Appeal Decision (Mandate) Filing Date		
		Pre-Disposition Treatment Program Date	Conclusion of Pre-Disposition Treatment Program Date		
		PDI Ordered Date	Receipt of PDI Report Date		
		Date of Court Order for Psychological Evaluation	Receipt Date of Court-Ordered Psychological Evaluation		
		Postponement Date Due to DNA/Forensic Evidence Unavailable	Receipt Date of DNA/Forensic Evidence		
		Referral for Informal Adjustment	Informal Adjustment Completed successful/unsuccessful		

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CINA Shelter+++ 30 Days (100%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelter Care Hearing Date Date of Shelter Care Hearing where Petition for Continued Shelter Care was granted 	Military Leave Date	Military Return Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjudication Hearing Held Date Case Dismissal Date 	1. Adjudication to Disposition 2. Removal for Permanency Planning Hearing 3. Good Cause extension to Adjudication 4. Removal to Shelter Care Hearing
		Body Attachment Issue Date	Body Attachment Outcome Date		
		Date court finds continued shelter care needed to provide for the safety of the child	30 days after hearing is held and concluded		
CINA Non-Shelter+++ 60 Days (100%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service of Parent(s), Guardian(s), and/ or Custodian(s) (First Service Entry Date), or Date of Shelter Care Hearing where Petition for Continued Shelter Care was Denied. (When a case started as Shelter Care, and Shelter Care Hearing was held but petition ultimately denied) 	Military Leave Date	Military Return Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjudication Hearing Held Date Case Dismissal Date 	1. Removal for Permanency Hearing 2. Extraordinary Cause to Adjudication
		Body Attachment Issue Date	Body Attachment Outcome Date		
TPR 180 Days (100%)	TPR Petition Filing Date	Interlocutory Appeal Filing Date	Interlocutory Appeal Decision Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TPR Final Order of Guardianship (Date of Filing) Disposition of TPR case (if order not granted). 	1. TPR Petition filed to service of Show Cause Order 2. Service of Show Cause Order to Objection 3. TPR Granted to Guardianship Review Hearing
		Military Leave Date	Military Return Date		

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+++The distinction between CINA Shelter and Non-Shelter cases is made based on the child's status (sheltered vs. non-sheltered) at the time of Adjudicatory Hearing or Case Dismissal, and the case time will be measured from Case Start Time according to the appropriate Case Start Time defined above, not necessarily the actual case start date or the federally defined case start date (date of child removed from home).

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Table II. Definition of Time Standard Terms by Case Type – DISTRICT COURT

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		Suspend Begin*	Suspend End†,††		
Criminal Cases 180 Days (98%)	Criminal First of either of the two dates: Initial Appearance of Defendant, or Service of Charging Document Criminal Citations: Date Filing Entered into the System <u>Traffic Must Appear/21-902</u> First Appearance before a Judicial Officer	FTA/Bench Warrant Issue Date	FTA Warrant Service Date/ FTA Struck	Nolle Prosequi Dismissal Stet Not Guilty/Acquittal Sentencing Abate by Death Jury Trial Prayed Found ‘Not Criminally Responsible’ Nolo Contendere Merge Probation Before Judgment	1. Filing to service of charging document
All Traffic- Must Appear 180 Days (98%)		Competency Evaluation	Finding of Competency or Competency Eval withdrawn		
		PSI Ordered/Deferred Sentencing	Receipt of PSI/Sentence Date		
Section 21-902 180 Days (98%)		Problem-Solving Court Diversion Ordered	Exit/Completion of Problem-Solving Court Diversion		
		Military Leave	Military Return		
		NCR Evaluation	NCR Finding Date or NCR Eval withdrawn		
		Date of Court Order for Psychological Evaluation	Date the Psychological Evaluation was received by the Court		
		Order Show Cause issued	Show Cause Recalled/Served/or Return of Service served		
Traffic Payable‡ 120 Days (98%)		Date of request for trial or waiver of trial	FTA/Bench Warrant Issue Date		
Civil Large Claims 250 Days (98%)	Service Note: If the service date is unavailable, the date of the ‘notice of intention to defend’ is used as the case time start.	Stay for Bankruptcy	Bankruptcy Discharged	Entry of Judgment Dismissal Jury Trial Prayed Denied Affidavit of Judgment	
Civil Small Claims 135 Days (98%)		Passed for Settlement	Reset if Passed for Settlement		
		Military Leave	Military Return		
		Judgement of First Served Defendant***	Service of Next Served Defendant***		
		Order for Stay**	Removal from Stay**		

Notes:

‡ Exclude tickets "paid out" before given trial dates.

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**This suspension event is applicable to Contract and Tort cases only.

†† For District Court Criminal cases, the date of a guilty plea (accepted by the court) can also serve as a valid case time suspension stop in the absence of other qualifying suspension stop events in a case. (Manual Process).

***For Multiple Defendant Cases. Time suspended for time between judgment of one defendant and service of the next defendant. Can occur multiple times.