

Maryland Time Standards

Standard Terms by Case Type – CIRCUIT COURTS

| Case Type Time Standard (Performance Goal) | Case Time Start | Case Time Suspension | | Case Time Stop | Additional Measures |
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| | | Suspend Begin [†] | Suspend End ^{††,†††} | | |
| Criminal 6 Months (98%) | First of either of the two dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 | Disposition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plea or Verdict ○ Stet ○ Nolle Prosequi ○ Reverse Waiver Granted ○ Found 'Not Criminally Responsible' | 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 | | |
| | | Petition for Reverse Waiver Date | Reverse Waiver Decision Date (Granted, Denied, Withdrawn) | | |
| | | Competency Evaluation Order Date | Date Found Competent | | |
| | | 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 (98%) <u>All Other Civil General Cases</u> 18 Months (98%) | Filing Date | Bankruptcy Filing Date (Suggestion or Notice) | Order Lifting Bankruptcy Stay Date | Disposition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 event begins prior to case start and ends sometime between case start and case stop, the suspension time will begin at the case start date and end at the suspension end date. (Manual Process)

^{††} 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).

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| | | Suspend Begin† | Suspend End†† | | |
| Family Law & Limited Divorce Limited Divorce Cases 24 Months (98%) All Other Family Law Cases 12 Months (98%) | Filing Date††† | Bankruptcy Filing Date (Suggestion or Notice) | Order Lifting Bankruptcy Stay Date | Disposition Dismissal Initial Judgment Date Judgment in Limited Divorce Cases if limited divorce is the only issue | 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 | | |
| Juvenile Delinquency 90 Days (98%) | First Appearance of Respondent, or Entry of Appearance by Counsel | Body Attachment Issue Date | Body Attachment Outcome Date | Disposition Finding Delinquent/Non-Delinquent Jurisdiction Waived Dismissal 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 | | |

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††† For URESA cases, use the filing date as both service and answer date, which are optional caseflow data fields. Also, use the consent date as the answer date when consents are filed with no answer. For Name Change cases, use the affidavit of publication service date or the show cause date as the answer date (optional caseflow data field) when no objection was filed.

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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 ○ For UCS users, motion/document Shelter Granted filing date. | Military Leave Date | Military Return Date | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adjudication Hearing Held Date ○ Case Dismissal Date | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | | |
| 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 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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).