

Court of Appeals Case Time Standards

Proceeding/Appeal Type	Standard	Case Time Start	Stay Begins (Suspends the standard)	Stay Ends	Case Time Stop	Comments
Regular Docket	Cases argued in term must be decided before end of term.	Argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Disposition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Filed Dismissed Order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Policy beginning with the 2013 Term (September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014)
Extraordinary Writs	Cases must be decided before end of term.	Filing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Disposition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Filed Dismissed Order 	
Bar Admissions	Cases must be decided before end of term.	Filing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Disposition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Filed Dismissed Order 	
Certified Questions of Law	Cases argued in term must be decided before end of term.	Argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Disposition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Filed Dismissed Order 	
Attorney Grievances	Cases argued in term must be decided before end of term.	Argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Disposition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Filed Dismissed Order 	

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Case Type	Time Standard	Case Time Start	Case Time Suspension		Case Time Stop	Comments
			Stay Begins (Suspend Begins)	Stay Ends (Suspend Ends)		
Civil	9 Months (80% Completed within standard)	Argument or Submission on Brief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parties request a Stay. ➤ Suggestion of Bankruptcy. ➤ Request for or referral to mediation and stay. ➤ Consolidation with a related case. ➤ Notice of Pending case in the Court of Appeals with the same or related issue. ➤ Corrections to the record identified in argument. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stay is lifted by parties request or court order. ➤ Date of order lifting stay following information that the automatic stay has been lifted (relief from stay, dismissal or discharge). ➤ Order lifting stay following unsuccessful or partially successful mediation. ➤ Argument or submission of the latter of the two cases. ➤ Order lifting stay following notice of disposition of case in Court of Appeals. ➤ Granting of a motion to correct the record. 	Disposition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opinion filed. • Dismissal order filed. • Voluntary dismissal by appellant. • Mediation agreement and remand. • Transferred to Court of Appeals. 	

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			Stay Begins (Suspend Begins)	Stay Ends (Suspend Ends)		
Criminal	9 Months (80% Completed within standard)	Argument or Submission on Brief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parties request a Stay. ➤ Consolidation with a related case. ➤ Notice of Pending case in the Court of Appeals with the same or related issue. ➤ Corrections to the record identified in argument. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stay is lifted by parties request or court order. ➤ Argument or submission of the latter of the two cases. ➤ Order lifting stay following notice of disposition of case in Court of Appeals. ➤ Granting of a motion to correct the record. 	Disposition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opinion filed. • Dismissal order filed. • Voluntary dismissal by appellant. • Transferred to Court of Appeals. 	

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Case Type	Time Standard	Case Time Start	Case Time Suspension		Case Time Stop	Comments
			Stay Begins (Suspend Begins)	Stay Ends (Suspend Ends)		
Child Access/ Guardianship/ CINA/TPR Standard 1.	120 Days (98% Completed within standard)	Filing of Record	➤ None	➤ None	Argument held.	Md. Rule 8-207(a)(5)
Child Access/ Guardianship/ CINA/TPR Standard 2.	60 Days (100% Completed within standard)	Argument or Submission on Brief	➤ None	➤ None	Disposition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opinion filed. • Dismissal order filed. • Voluntary dismissal filed. 	Md. Rule 8-207(a)(5)
State Appeals from the pretrial suppression of evidence.	120 Days (100% Completed within standard)	Filing of Record	➤ None	➤ None	Disposition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opinion filed. • Dismissal order filed. • Voluntary dismissal by State. 	CJP § 12-302(c)(3).
Elective ¹ Expedited Appeals Standard 1.	45 Days (98% Completed within standard)	Later of filing of Appellee's brief or commencement of the next session of Court.	➤ None	➤ None	Argument held.	Md. Rule 8-207(b).

¹ The election must be a joint election executed by all parties. Md. Rule 8-207(b).

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			Stay Begins (Suspend Begins)	Stay Ends (Suspend Ends)		
Elective Expedited Appeals Standard 2.	20 days (or 30 days if submitted on brief) (98% Completed within standard)	Argument or Submission on Brief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identification of Extraordinary circumstances ➤ Panel of Court recommends reporting the opinion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conclusion of extraordinary circumstance. ➤ Conclusion of the next scheduled conference. 	Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opinion filed. • Dismissal order filed. • Voluntary dismissal by appellant. 	Md. Rule 8-207(b).

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
		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) <p><u>Note:</u> Date should reflect the Hicks starting date.</p>	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		

Notes:

[†] 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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Table I. Definition of Time Standard Terms by Case Type, Continued

Case Type Time Standard (Performance Goal)	Case Time Start	Case Time Suspension		Case Time Stop	Additional Measures
		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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Table I. Definition of Time Standard Terms by Case Type, Continued

Case Type Time Standard (Performance Goal)	Case Time Start	Case Time Suspension		Case Time Stop	Additional Measures
		Suspend Begin†	Suspend End††		
CINA Shelter††† 30 Days (100%)	Shelter Care Hearing Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 	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 	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		

Notes:

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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

Case Type Time Standard (Performance Goal)	Case Time Start	Case Time Suspension		Case Time Stop	Additional Measures
		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 Traffic Must Appear/21-902 Date Filing Entered into the System	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		
		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		
	Date of Court Order for Psychological Evaluation	Date the Psychological Evaluation was received by the Court			
Traffic Payable‡ 120 Days (98%)	Date of request for trial or waiver of trial	FTA/Bench Warrant Issue Date	Case Reset for Trial or Ticket Paid	Nolle Prosequi Dismissal Stet Not Guilty/Acquittal Guilty Abate by death Jury Trial Prayed Nolo Contendere Merge Probation Before Judgment	1. Filing to service of charging document
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 120 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.