

CHART V

CASE PROCESSING TIME GUIDELINES

SOURCE: Survey on Lawyer Disciplinary Systems, 1999
ABA Center for Professional Responsibility

<u>STATE*</u>	<u>Time Standards In Use</u>	<u>Formally Adopted</u>	<u>Average Time from Receipt of Complaint to Summary Dismissal</u>	<u>Average Time From Receipt of Complaint to Closure/Dismissal After Investigation</u>	<u>Average Time From Receipt of Complaint to Filing of Formal Charges</u>	<u>Average Time From Receipt of Complaint to Imposition of Private Sanction</u>	<u>Average Time From Receipt of Complaint to Imposition of Public Sanction</u>	<u>Average Time to Process Petition/Motion or Request for Reinstatement/ Readmission from Filing to Final Disposition</u>
Alabama	Yes	No	1 Week	4 Months	9 Months	6 Months	10 Months	4 Months
Alaska	Yes	No	27 Days	624 Days	N/A	621 ¹	1469 Days ² 527 Days ³	0
Arizona	Yes	Yes	5 Days	6 Months	12 Months	N/A	2 Years	10 Months
California	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colorado	N/A	No	2 Weeks	38 Weeks	39 Weeks	N/A	58 Weeks	N/A
Delaware	Yes	No	2 Weeks - 3 Months	3 Months	6 Months	9 Months	1 Year	75 Days
District of Columbia	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Florida	Yes	No	10 Days	4 Months	6 Months	N/A	6 Months	4 - 6 Months
Georgia	N/A	N/A	3 Months	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii	Yes	N/A	3 Months	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Idaho	Yes	N/A	45 Days	45 Days	4 - 6 Months	4 - 6 Months	12 - 16 Months	N/A
Illinois	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

¹Alaska - For cases closed by private admonition in 1999.

²Alaska - For cases closed by disbarment in 1999.

³Alaska -For cases closed by suspension in 1999.

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Indiana	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Iowa	No	No	90 - 180 Days	135 Days	1 Year	135 Days	1 Year	45 Days
Kansas	No	No	30 Days	4 - 6 Months	4 - 6 Months	N/A	12 - 18 Months	2 Years
Kentucky	Yes	Yes	2 - 3 Weeks	2-3 Months	6 - 8 Months	6 - 12 Months	6 - 12 Months	6 - 12 Months
Louisiana	N/A	N/A	7 Days	215 Days	151 Days	297 Days	340 Days	180 Days
Maine	Yes	No	1 Week	3 Months	6 Months	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maryland	Yes	N/A	30 - 45 Days	6 - 9 Months	12 - 18 Months	9 Months	18 - 24 Months	15 Months
Massachusetts	N/A	N/A	57 Days	178 Days	714 Days	511 Days	938 Days	463 Days
Michigan	Yes	No	60 Days	6 - 10 Months	6 - 11 Months	6 - 10 Months	N/A	
Minnesota	Yes	No	1 Week	5 Months	N/A	10 Months	See Attachment	13 Months
Mississippi	N/A	N/A	45 - 60 Days	45 - 60 Days	120 Days	150 Days	150 Days - 6 Mos	5 Months
Missouri	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nebraska	Yes	No	N/A ⁴	3 Months	3 Months	5 - 6 Months	1 - 2 Years	2 Months
Nevada	Yes	No			3 - 5 Months	60 - 90 Days	5 - 18 Months	2 Months
New Hampshire		No	3.38 Months	10.96 Months	N/A	N/A	10.38 Months	N/A
New Jersey	Yes ⁵	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

⁴Nebraska - All complaints are sent to the attorney for a written response.

⁵New Jersey - Formal guidelines include 6 months for standard investigations, 9 months for complex investigations, 6 months for hearings and 6-12 months for appellate proceedings.

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New Mexico	N/A	No	1 Month	6 Months - 1 Year	6 Months - 1 Year	Approx. 1 Year	Approx. 1 Year	6 Months - 1 Year
New York 1st Jud. Dept.	Yes	No	4 Weeks	6 Months	1 Year & 6 Months	7 Months	1-2 Yrs.	6 Months
New York 2nd Jud. Dept. 2nd & 11 Dist.	Yes	No	2 Weeks	4 Months	6 Months - 1 Year	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York 2nd Jud. Dept. 9th Dist.	Yes	No	1 Week	6 Months	N/A	1 Year	N/A	N/A
New York 2nd Jud. Dept. 10th Jud. Dist.	Yes	N/A	3 Weeks	6 Months	6 Months - 1 Year	6 Months - 1 Year	Varies	N/A
New York 3rd Jud. Dept.	No	No	60 Days	90 Days	120 Days	120 Days	6 Months - 1Year	75 Days
New York 4th Jud. Dept.	N/A	N/A	14 Days	90 Days	9 Months	2-6 Months	1 Year	2 Months
North Carolina	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Dakota	Yes	Yes	3 Months	3 Months	3 Months	3 Months	6 Months	N/A
Ohio			14 Days	60 - 150 Days	150+ Days	N/A	18 Months	6 Months
Oklahoma	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	30 Days	30 Days	N/A	90 - 120 Days
Oregon	Yes	Yes	15 Days	115 Days	511 Days	300 Days	30 Months	60 Days ⁶ 30 Months
Pennsylvania			3 Days	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7 Months

⁶Oregon - Uncontested matters: 60 days; contested matters which are litigated/appealed: 30 months.

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Rhode Island	Yes	No	2 Days	90 Days	6 - 8 Months	8 - 10 Months	8 - 10 Months	6 Months
South Carolina			4 Days	DC Dismiss 60-90 Days Commission 6 Months	Varies	4 - 8 Months	9 Months - 1 Year	N/A
Tennessee	Yes	No	1 - 5 Days	1 Year	6 Months	1 Year	1 - 2 Years	1 Year
Texas			11 Days	121 Days	121 Days	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vermont	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Virginia		Yes	33 Days	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Washington	Yes	No	6 Weeks	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	161 Days
Wyoming	Yes	N/A	7 - 14 Days	6 - 9 Months	Varies	12 - 24 Months	12 - 24 Months	N/A