



National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers

Resolution 6

In Support of Case Processing Time Standard Guidelines for State and Local Trial Court

WHEREAS, standards and guidelines establishing expectations for timely justice in American courts have been a recognized best practice in caseflow management for trial courts since the American Bar Association adopted speedy trial standards for criminal cases in 1968; and

WHEREAS, time standard guidelines and case disposition targets for all types of cases, in addition to criminal matters, have been promulgated through research and analysis by numerous court improvement organizations, including the American Bar Association, Conference of State Court Administrators, the National Center for State Courts, and numerous state and local trial courts; and

WHEREAS, such guidelines set forth achievable goals for courts, workable efficiencies for lawyers within which to conduct fact-gathering, preparation and advocacy activities, and reasonable expectations regarding the resolution of formal litigation by the public; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers is dedicated to improving the leadership, governance, operations and integrity of all state and local trial courts;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers supports and endorses the development and adoption of case processing time standards as guidelines for trial courts, and herewith encourages all state and local court leaders to develop such performance measures.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors at their September 27, 2017, meeting in Phoenix, AZ.