



Administrative Directive No. 31

**Supreme Court
April Term, 2014**

JUDICIAL BUREAU CASE DISPOSITION GUIDELINES

The management of the flow of cases in the Judicial Bureau is the responsibility of the judiciary. In carrying out that responsibility, the judiciary must balance the rights and interests of individual litigants, the limited resources of the judicial branch and other participants in the justice system, and the interests of the citizens of this state in having an effective, fair, and efficient system of justice.

- A. The State Court Administrator and Administrative Judge for Trial Courts are directed, within available resources, to:
 - 1. Assist the Judicial Bureau in implementing caseload management plans that incorporate case processing time guidelines established pursuant to this directive;
 - 2. Gather information from the Judicial Bureau on compliance with case disposition guidelines; and
 - 3. Assess the effectiveness of management plans in achieving the guidelines established by this directive.

- B. The Judicial Bureau is directed to:
 - 1. Maintain current caseload management plans consistent with case processing time guidelines established in this directive;
 - 2. Collect and maintain accurate caseload management data;
 - 3. Cooperate with the Administrative Judge for Trial Courts and Court Administrator's Office in assessing caseload management plans implemented pursuant to this directive.

The following time guidelines for case processing are provided as goals for the administration of court caseloads. These guidelines do not supersede procedural requirements in court rules or statutes for specific cases, or supersede reporting requirements in court rules or statutes.

Judicial Bureau Case Disposition Guidelines

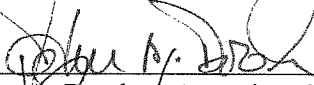
Case Type	Pending	Post-Judgment
Civil Violation Complaint	3 months	2 months
Municipal Complaint	3 months	2 months
Fish and Wildlife Complaint	3 months	2 months

This amended directive shall become effective immediately.

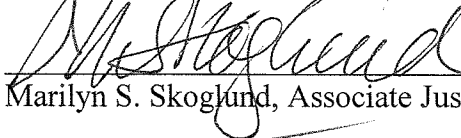
Done in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont this 24th day of April, 2014.



Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice



John A. Dooley, Associate Justice



Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice



Beth Robinson, Associate Justice



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