

SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE NO. 12-01

REGARDING CASE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSITION WITHIN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

A. Introduction

In order to promote timeliness in the resolution of appellate matters and in an effort to improve the operations of the Judiciary, the Supreme Court of Guam hereby establishes the following Appellate Time Standards, which we deem to be reasonably achievable standards that the Supreme Court shall aspire to attain:

B. Time Standards

1. Writ Applications

No more than 90 days should elapse, under normal and usual circumstances, between the filing and the grant or denial of any writ application.

2. Oral Argument

No more than 170 days should elapse, under normal and usual circumstances, between the lodging of the appeal and the oral argument, except that if the Supreme Court is not in regular appellate session on or before the 170th day, oral argument shall be held during the next regular appellate session closest to the 170th day.

3. Disposition of Appeals

Opinions in appealed cases should, under normal and usual circumstances, be issued not more than six months following the oral argument, or, if the matter is submitted without argument, not more than six months following the date the matter is taken under advisement.



C. Effective Date

This rule shall be effective immediately and shall apply to all matters filed in the Supreme Court from the date upon which the rule is adopted.

ADOPTED this 382 day of April, 2012.

Associate Justice

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Chief Justice