



Utah State Courts

**NCCALJ – Civil Justice Committee Meeting
Duke University Law School
March 30, 2016**

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Civil Case Management Initiatives**

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Overview of Utah's Courts

Structure

Governance

- **Constitutional Judicial Council**
- **Rule-Making Authority – Rules of Judicial Administration**

Administration

- **Trial Court Operations**
- **Budget**

Judicial Selection and Retention

- **Merit Selection**
- **Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission**

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Business Goals

- **Improved access to courts, records, and services**
- **Improved case processing with a downsized workforce**
- **Enhanced quality of litigation**
- **Reduced cost for litigants and tax payers**
- **Enhanced public and legislative confidence**

New Business Model

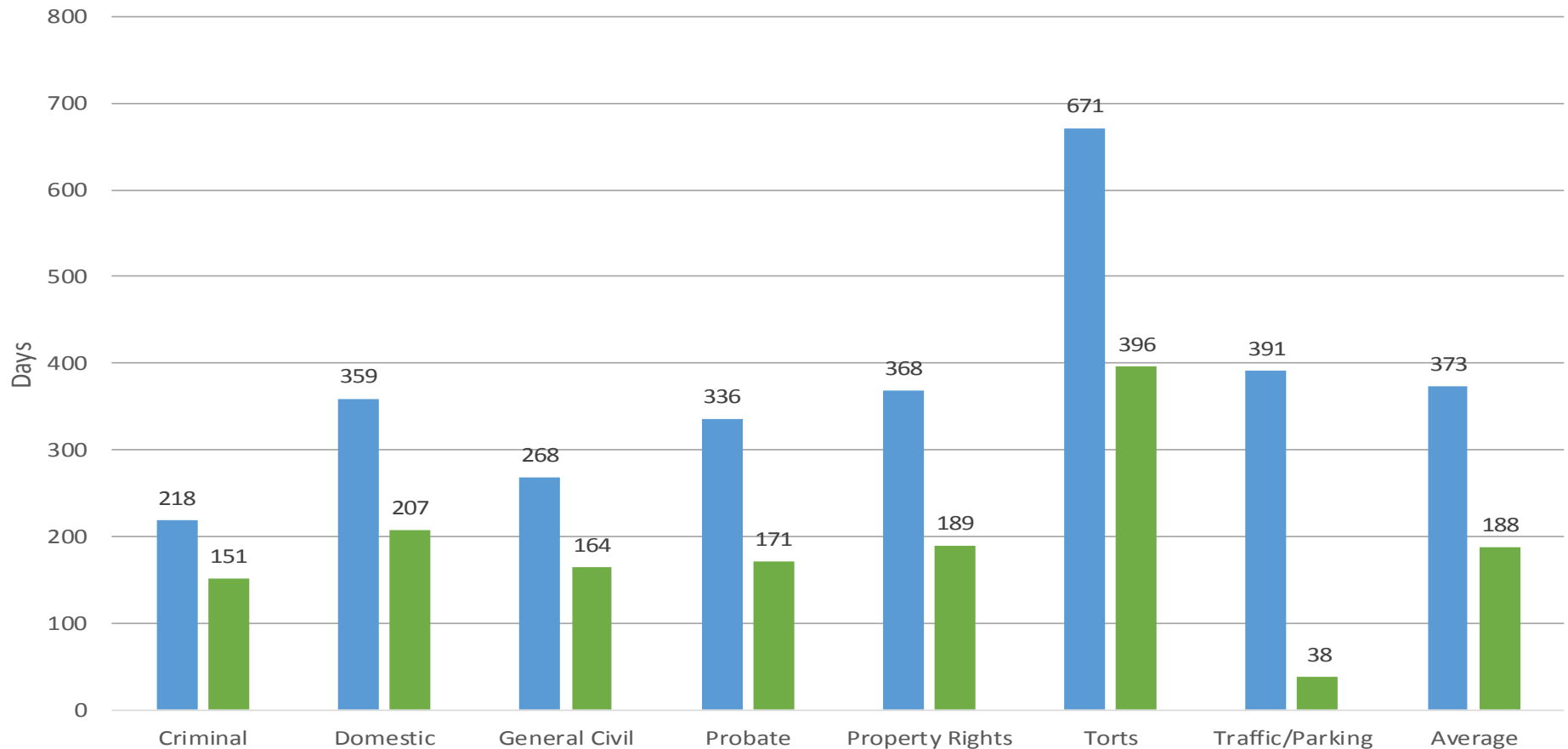
1. **Entirely electronic court environment – all courts, all case types**
2. **Complete reorganization of the Office of Clerk of Court**
3. **Planned reinvestment of mandatory e-filing savings**
4. **Data-driven decisions and improved case management**

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Average Age of Active Pending Cases*

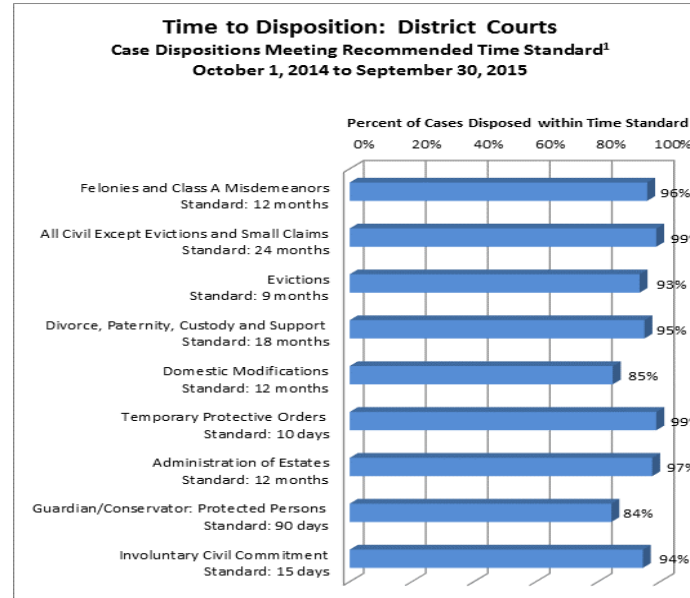
All District Courts

■ 2010 ■ 2015



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2016 Q1—Time to Disposition – District Courts



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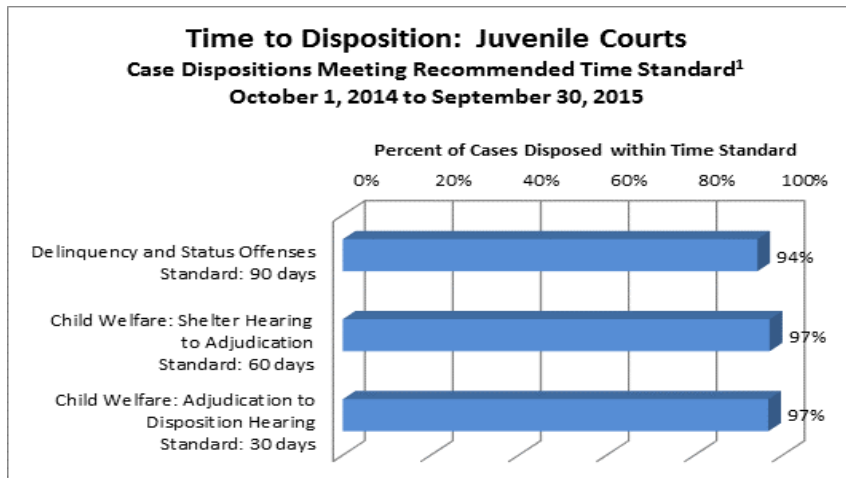
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2016 Q1—Time to Disposition – Juvenile Courts



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Civil Case Management: Elements

Responsibility: Individual assignment of cases

Support: Team management

Better Information: Judicial workspace

Focus: Discovery reform and Tier 3 intensive case management

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Civil Case Management: High Volume and Self-Represented

- **On Line Court Assistance (OCAP)**
- **Self Help Center**
- **Licensed Paralegal Practitioner**
- **On Line Dispute Resolution (ODR)**

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Resources:

- 1. Utah: Impact of the Revisions to Rule 26 on Discovery Practices in the Utah District Courts, NCSC**
- 2. Civil Case Management Pilot Program**
- 3. Online Court Assistance Program**
- 4. Self-Help Center 2015 Activity Report**
- 5. Supreme Court Task Force to Examine Limited Legal Licensing**
- 6. Online Court: Conceptual Design**