

TIME BAR FOR EXAMINING A CIVIL CASE IN THE INDONESIAN DISTRICT AND HIGH COURTS

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The Supreme Court of the Republic of Indonesia has issued Circular Letter No.2 of 2014 regarding Case Settlement in the Court of First Instance and Appeals in 4 (four) Justice Fields. The Supreme Court considers that since an electronically based management case system now exists in the courts of first instance and high courts, cases should be examined and ruled on quickly. Therefore, the Supreme Court has asked all Chairmen of the courts of first instance and High Courts in all justice fields, to examine and rule cases in the courts of first instance within 5 (five) months of the first hearing. Subsequently, if one of the parties appeals to the High Court, the High Court has 3 (three) months as of the first hearing to examine and rule on the case. If the this time bar is exceeded, the Panel of Judges in the court of first instance examining the case must submit a written report to the Chairman of the relevant District Court with a copy to the Supreme Court. The Panel of Judges in the High Court examining the case must also submit a written report the Chairman of the relevant High Court with a copy to the Supreme Court. This is to apply the principles of simple, swift and low cost justice.