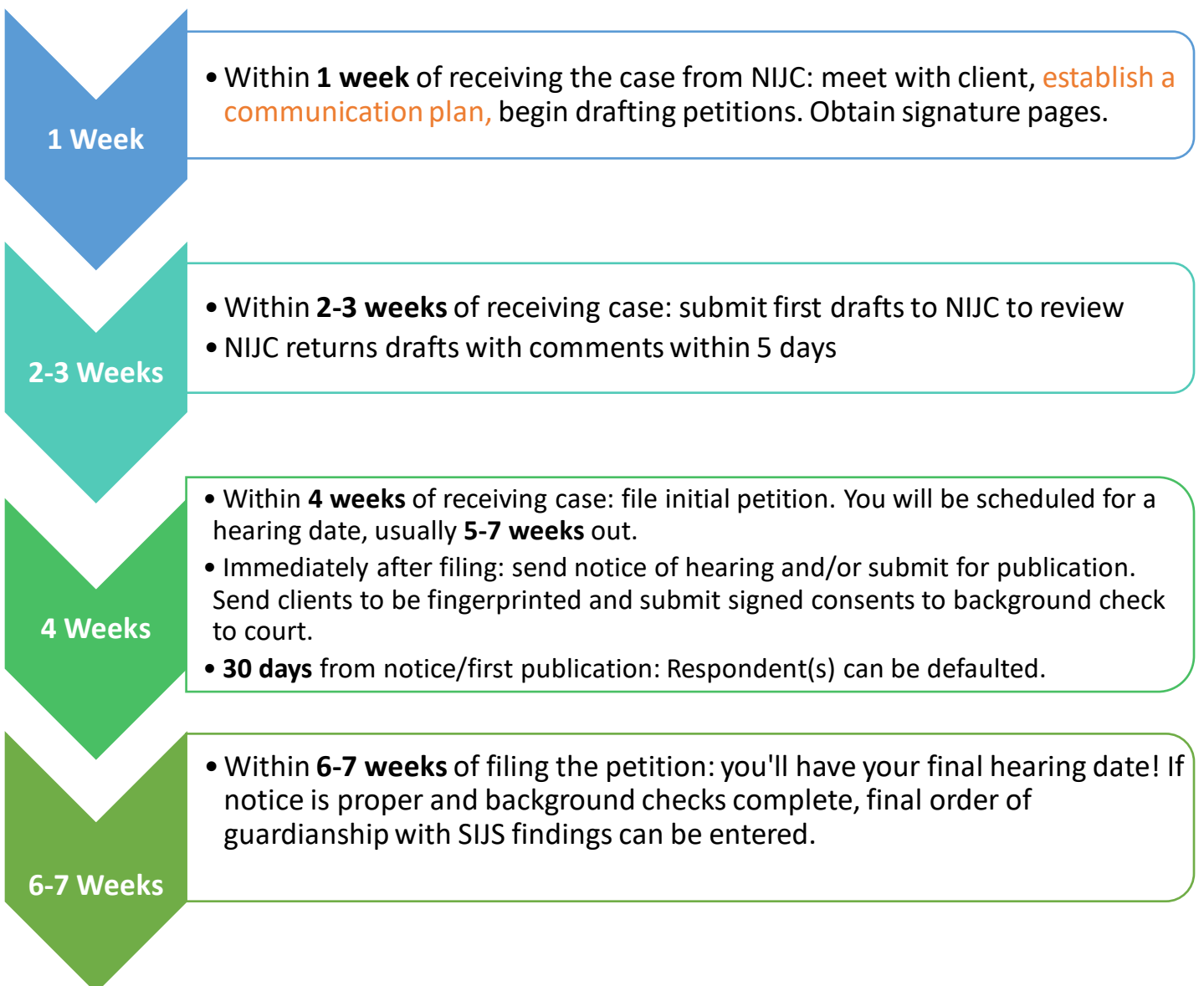


SIJS Predicate Order cases are discrete matters that can be completed in as little as six weeks, depending on the complexity and type of case. How fast they are completed usually depends on how quickly the attorney is able to move the case forward. Urgent cases must be completed prior to the child's 18th or 21st birthday. For cases without a specific deadline, NIJC generally expects pro bono attorneys to move the case forward and complete it within four months of receiving the case file.

Guardianship Timeline

Guardianship cases can generally be completed within 6-7 weeks of filing. This is a general timeline to assist pro bono teams in calendaring their case. Please speak with your NIJC point of contact regarding case-specific nuances.



Custody (APR) Timeline

Custody cases can generally be completed within 7-15 weeks of filing. This is a general timeline to assist pro bono teams in calendaring their case. Please speak with your NIJC point of contact regarding case-specific nuances.



For more resources on SIJS Predicate Orders visit: <https://immigrantjustice.org/for-attorneys/legal-resources/topic/special-immigrant-juvenile-status-preparing-predicate-order-il>

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