

**5-701. Judgment; costs.**

A. **Judgment.** If the defendant is found guilty, a judgment of guilty shall be rendered if the court makes the legal determination that sufficient evidence supports the verdict. If the defendant has been acquitted, a judgment of not guilty shall be rendered. The judgment and sentence shall be rendered in open court and thereafter a written judgment and sentence shall be signed by the judge and filed. The clerk shall give notice of entry of judgment and sentence.

B. **Sentencing hearing.** Except for good cause shown, the sentencing hearing shall begin within ninety (90) days from the date the trial was concluded or the date a plea was entered.

C. **Judgment and sentence.** Within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the sentencing hearing, the court shall enter a judgment and sentence.

~~[D. **Costs and fees.** In a case in which there is a conviction, costs and fees may be imposed as provided by law.]~~

[As amended, effective December 1, 1998; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. S-1-RCR-2023-00020, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2023; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. S-1-RCR-2024-00079, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after October 9, 2025.]