



Chapter 7

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After the Closing Arguments, if any, are made, the Judicial Officer either will make a decision at the end of the Hearing or will end the Hearing and think about what decision to make. The Judicial Officer's decision is called a "**Court Order.**" How long it takes for the Judicial Officer to make a decision depends upon the type of case. Usually, the Judicial Officer will give you an idea of when he/she will make a decision.

When the Judicial Officer makes his/her decision, all of the parties will receive the decision in writing usually by mail. Sometimes, the Judicial Officer may ask all of the parties to return to Court at a later date to tell them what his/her decision is.