

Understanding the Difference Between Charge Disposition and Case Disposition

From a legal point of view, a disposition is "a final settlement or determination: *the court's disposition of the case without trial*". In this definition, disposition pertains to an entire case but disposition also pertains to an individual case charge. One case might contain several charges and each charge might carry a different disposition. The entire case, however, will carry just one disposition.

- Charge disposition data is populated automatically from your Clerk of Courts office into PROTECT, by way of the CCAP interface.
- All charges in a case must have a charge *status* "issued" or "amended" in order to receive a charge *disposition* from CCAP.

In PROTECT, Case Disposition = Case Status.

- Some DA Case statuses are automatically updated when certain events happen in PROTECT. For example, changing the case charge(s) status from Pending to Issued, updates the DA Case status from Under Review to Charged.
- Other DA Case statuses, such as No Prosecution, are updated manually from Event → DA Case → Modify Case Status.
- Events received from the Clerk of Courts office via the CCAP Interface trigger the automatic change of a DA Case status. For example when a case filing is accepted by the clerk's office, the DA Case status in PROTECT changes to Filed, or when the clerk closes a case in their software, an event is sent to PROTECT which changes the DA Case status to "Closed".