

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

TENTH CIRCUIT

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To: Counsel

Re: Prosecuting Appeal

The appeal you have filed will be governed by the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and the Tenth Circuit Rules. You should familiarize yourself with both sets of rules. Current versions, as well as other forms and general information for proceeding in the Tenth Circuit can be found on the court's website. *See* www.ca10.uscourts.gov. The Tenth Circuit Practitioner's Guide is another good resource regarding prosecuting appeals. It is also available on the court's website.

Please note the following appellate procedures:

1. You will need to familiarize yourself with this court's *CM/ECF User's Manual* regarding electronic filing of documents. This manual may be found on the court's website. Electronic case filing (ECF) is mandatory for all counsel of record in the Tenth Circuit. For information regarding ECF registration and to review our training manual and tools, please go to www.ca10.uscourts.gov and look for the "How to File" tab.

2. If this is a direct criminal appeal, the defendant's retained or court-appointed trial counsel is responsible for continuing representation of the defendant until relieved by the court of appeals. Further, any attorney who files a notice of appeal on behalf of a petitioner or moving party in a post-conviction proceeding or criminal appeal is deemed to have entered an appearance in this court and may not withdraw without leave of court. *See* 10th Cir. R. 46.3.

3. Unless the appellant has been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* or unless a motion seeking to do so is pending, the prescribed fees (\$5.00 filing fee and \$600.00 docketing fee) must be paid to the clerk of the district court. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 3(e) and 10th Cir. R. 3.3.

4. Unless a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is pending, appellant should immediately order **necessary** transcripts from the court reporter. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 10(b) and 10th Cir. R. 10.2. Transcripts must be ordered on forms provided by the district court. Please note that the transcript order shall not be deemed complete until satisfactory financial arrangements have been made with the court reporter. *See* 10th Cir. R. 10.2(B)(3).

5. Appellant must file a docketing statement with the clerk of court 14 days after filing the notice of appeal. *See* 10th Cir. R. 3.4. Docketing statement forms, together with instructions for completing and filing the docketing statement, are available on our website.

6. If appellant is represented by court-appointed counsel, a designation of record must be filed with the district court clerk within 14 days after filing a notice of appeal. *See* 10th Cir. R. 10.3. The designation of record form will be used to prepare the record on appeal in appointed-counsel cases. **Note: If co-defendants appeal and one appellant is represented by court-appointed counsel, the court of appeals will treat all appellants as if represented by court-appointed counsel for purposes of designating the record.** Except as noted, a designation of record is not required if appellant is represented by retained counsel, but an appendix containing record excerpts must be filed when the appellant's opening brief is filed. *See* 10th Cir. R. 30.1 through 30.3.

7. If appellant, or a co-appellant (see the **NOTE** above), is represented by court-appointed counsel, the appellant shall file and serve an opening brief within 40 days after the date the record on appeal is filed in the court of appeals. Except as noted, if appellant is represented by retained counsel, appellant shall file and serve an opening brief, together with a separate appendix, within 40 days after the date on which the clerk of the district court notifies the parties and the circuit clerk that the record is complete for purposes of appeal. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 31(a) and 10th Cir. R. 31.1.

If you have any questions regarding prosecution of the appeal please call the clerk's office at 303-844-3157.

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