

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT**  
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Required Attachments – The order(s) under review and the final judgment must be attached to the opening brief. If Appellant is pro se and does not attach these materials, the appellee must do so. 10th Cir. R. 28.2(B).	10th Cir. R. 28.2(A)	10th Cir. R. 28.2(B)	10th Cir. R. 28.2(A) & (B)	10th Cir. R. 28.2(A) &(B)	N/A	N/A
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Statement of Related Cases	10th Cir. R. 28.2(C)(3)				N/A	N/A

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<b>Oral Argument Statement (NOTE: If oral argument is requested, a statement of the reason(s) why MUST follow the brief's conclusion.)</b>	10th Cir. R. 28.2(C)(2)					N/A
<b>Jurisdictional Statement (subject matter and appellate jurisdiction, timeliness, and final order)</b>	FRAP 28(a)(4)	FRAP 28(b) <sup>2</sup>	FRAP 28.1(c)(2)	FRAP 28.1(c)(3)	N/A	N/A
<b>Citizenship Statement (for diversity jurisdiction cases)</b>	10th Cir. R. 28.2(C)(6)	10th Cir. R. 28.2(C)(6)	10th Cir. R. 28.2(C)(6)			
<b>Statement of the Issues</b>	FRAP 28(a)(5)	FRAP 28(b)(2) <sup>3</sup>	FRAP 28.1(c)(2)	FRAP 28.1(c)(3)	N/A	N/A
<b>Statement of the Case</b>	FRAP 28(a)(6)	FRAP 28(b)(3) <sup>4</sup>	FRAP 28.1(c)(2)	FRAP 28.1(c)(3)	N/A	N/A
<b>Summary of the Argument</b>	FRAP 28(a)(7)	FRAP 28(b)	FRAP 28.1(c)(2)	FRAP 28.1(c)(3)	N/A	FRAP 29(a)(4)(F)
<b>Argument and Standard of Review (see the applicable rule for specifics)</b>	FRAP 28(a)(8)(A)&(B)	FRAP 28(b)(4) <sup>5</sup>	FRAP 28.1(c)(2)	FRAP 28.1(c)(3)	FRAP 28(c)	FRAP 29(a)(4)(F)
<b>Conclusion and Relief Sought</b>	FRAP 28(a)(9)	Not Required	FRAP 28.1(c)(2)	Not Required	FRAP 28(c)	N/A
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<sup>2</sup> Jurisdictional statement not required unless "the appellee is dissatisfied with the appellant's statement."

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<sup>5</sup> Statement of standard of review not required unless "the appellee is dissatisfied with the appellant's statement."