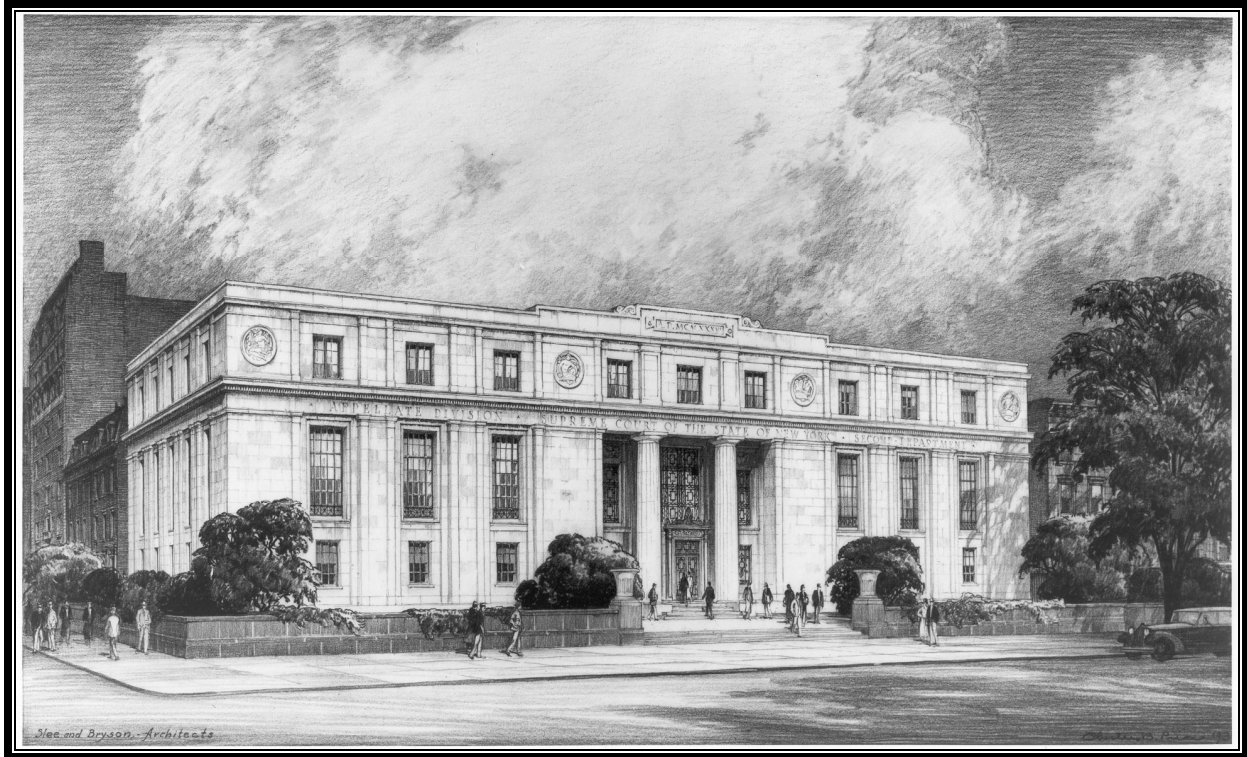


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1. Introduction.

This pamphlet is intended as a general guide to assist a person in prosecuting a civil matter in the Appellate Division, Second Department. It is not intended to cover all situations but, rather, to assist in the general steps needed to invoke the jurisdiction of this court, to perfect an appeal, and to submit a motion. For more information, the reader's attention is directed to the Civil Practice Law and Rules (CPLR) articles 55 and 57 and the Rules of this court.

§ 1.1 Jurisdiction; counties; courts.

The Appellate Division is an intermediate appellate court. There are four departments of the Appellate Division in New York State: the First Department is located in Manhattan, the Second Department in Brooklyn, the Third Department in Albany, and the Fourth Department in Rochester. The jurisdiction of the Second Department encompasses the counties of Richmond, Kings, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, and Putnam.

The Second Department hears appeals in civil cases from orders, judgments, and decrees of the Court of Claims, the Supreme Court, the Family Court, and the Surrogate's Court and, if permission is granted, of the Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court. In addition, the court has original jurisdiction in a limited number of other matters (e.g., CPLR article 78 proceedings against a Supreme Court Justice or County Court Judge and CPLR 5704[a] applications).

2. Standing; Aggrievement.

There are certain limitations on a party's right to appeal. To take an appeal a party must have standing, meaning that the party is "aggrieved" by the determination made by the trial court (CPLR 5511). Basically, a party is "aggrieved" if an application that party made was denied or not fully granted, or if an application made by the party's adversary, which the party opposed, was fully or partially granted.

3. Appealability.

§ 3.1 Appealable paper.

An appeal may be taken only from an "appealable paper," that is, an order, judgment, or decree of a court, signed by a Judge, which formally grants or denies relief after a hearing or trial, or requested in a motion made on notice. A decision, whether transcribed in the minutes or in writing, is not appealable. Rulings made during a hearing or trial are not appealable. Often a Judge will issue a written memorandum which concludes "submit order" or "settle order on notice"; such a paper is merely a decision from which no appeal lies.

§ 3.2 Appeal as of right.

Not all orders are appealable as a matter of right; some may be appealed with permission of this court, others may not be appealed at all.

Generally, an appeal may be taken as of right from a final or interlocutory judgment and from an order which determines a motion made on notice and which adversely affects a substantial right of the appellant (CPLR 5701).

§ 3.3 Appeal by permission.

The most common orders which are not appealable as of right but which may be appealed with permission of this court include orders made in CPLR article 78 proceedings (CPLR 5701[b][1]), and nondispositional orders of the Family Court, other than those made in an abuse or neglect proceeding (Family Court Act § 1112[a]). Orders of the Appellate Term that determine an appeal from a judgment or order of a lower court are appealable by permission of the Appellate Term or, in case of refusal, by order of this court (CPLR 5703[a]); other orders of the Appellate Term are not appealable. Leave to appeal may be sought from this court by motion on notice to the other parties (a discussion on motion practice may be found in Part 8 of this pamphlet).

§ 3.4 Nonappealable orders.

No appeal at all lies from an order entered upon the default or consent of the appealing party, or from an order that denies reargument, or from an order which denies an adjournment of an ongoing proceeding.

4. Invoking the Appellate Jurisdiction of the Court.

§ 4.1 Notice of appeal.

If a party decides to appeal as of right from an order, judgment, or decree, he or she must file a notice of appeal in duplicate. The notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the clerk of the court which made the paper appealed from and an additional copy must be served on each adversary (CPLR 5515; 22 NYCRR 1250.3[a]; § 670.3[a]; a sample notice of appeal is annexed to this pamphlet). On an appeal from a judgment or order of the Supreme Court, CPLR 8022(a) requires a party to pay a filing fee of \$65 to the County Clerk upon the filing of a notice of appeal. A notice of appeal must be filed and served within 30 days after the appellant is served with a copy of the order, judgment, or decree, with notice of its entry, or, if the appellant has served a copy of that paper on his or her opponent with notice of its entry, within 30 days after such service (CPLR 5513[a]).

§ 4.2 Informational Statement.

The appellant in a civil cause must file an Informational Statement (see 22 NYCRR 1250.03[a]; § 670.3[a]) with the notice of appeal. A copy of the form is annexed to this pamphlet and available on the court's website. The notice of appeal must be filed in duplicate and annexed must be the Informational Statement, a copy of the paper appealed from, and a copy of the decision leading to that paper, if any. If a party wishes to appeal from more than one paper, made in the same case, with the same notice of appeal, he or she must attach to each Form A an Additional Appeal Information form (Form B, a copy of which is annexed to this pamphlet).

Where a proceeding commenced in the Supreme Court is transferred to this court, the petitioner must file forthwith in this court two copies of the order of transfer, to each of which must be affixed an Informational Statement and any opinion or decision of the transferring court (22 NYCRR 1250.3[a]; § 670.3[a]).

On the Informational Statement, the title should be set forth as it appears on the summons, notice of petition or order to show cause commencing the civil cause. The names of all parties must be listed, together with their status in the trial court (e.g., plaintiff, petitioner, claimant, defendant, respondent, defendant third-party plaintiff, third-party defendant) and their status in the Appellate Division (e.g., appellant, respondent, appellant-respondent, respondent-appellant). If a party to the action has no status in the Appellate Division, the word "none" is to be entered in the space provided on the form. Where the Appellate Division is the court of original instance (e.g., the matter is a proceeding pursuant to CPLR article 78 against a Supreme Court Justice or County Court Judge commenced in this court pursuant to CPLR 506[b][1] or an application for a writ of habeas corpus) only the column entitled "Appellate Division Status" need be completed.

§ 4.3 Docket Number

An Appellate Division docket number will be assigned to each cause. The docket number must appear in the upper right-hand corner, opposite the title, on all papers thereafter filed with the court. If the papers relate to multiple causes, they must bear the docket numbers of all those causes.

5. Perfecting an Appeal.

An appeal is perfected by the filing of a brief and a record. The record may be a full reproduced record, an appendix, an agreed statement of facts, or, when authorized, the original papers.

§ 5.1 Preparing to perfect — the record.

CPLR 5526 specifies the papers which constitute the record on appeal from a judgment or order, stating in relevant part:

“The record on appeal from a final judgment shall consist of the notice of appeal, the judgment-roll, the corrected transcript of the proceedings * * * if a trial or hearing was held, any relevant exhibits, or copies of them, in the court of original instance, any other reviewable order, and any opinions in the case. The record on appeal from an interlocutory judgment or any order shall consist of the notice of appeal, the judgment or order appealed from, the transcript, if any, the papers and other exhibits upon which the judgment or order was founded and any opinions in the case.”

Generally, the judgment, order, or decree will specify the papers upon which it was made. It is the appellant’s responsibility to obtain accurate and complete copies of the papers comprising the record on file in the office of the clerk of the court that made the paper

appealed from, and in the event that it was made after a trial or hearing, to obtain the transcript of the proceedings.

§ 5.2 Obtaining and settling the transcript.

In general, if the appeal is from a judgment, order, or decree that was made following a trial or hearing, the party taking the appeal will have to furnish the court and his or her adversary with a copy of the minutes. The minutes taken by the court reporter in stenographic form or recorded on tape must be transcribed into English. The rates of compensation of court reporters for transcribing stenographic minutes are set forth in § 108.2 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the courts (22 NYCRR § 108.2). Different rates are specified for furnishing minutes in the regular course of the reporter's business and for expedited production of the transcript. In order to meet the time limits for perfecting an appeal set by the rules of the court, it is imperative that the transcript be ordered from the court reporter promptly after the filing of the notice of appeal.

After the transcript is received from the court reporter, it must either be stipulated as correct by the parties or settled pursuant to CPLR 5525. The procedure for settlement of a transcript is set forth in CPLR 5525(c), which states:

“(c) Settlement of transcript.

“1. Within fifteen days after receiving the transcript from the court reporter or from any other source, the appellant shall make any proposed amendments and serve them and a copy of the transcript upon the respondent. Within fifteen days after such service the respondent shall make any proposed amendments or objections to the proposed amendments of the appellant and serve them upon the appellant. At any time thereafter and on at least four days' notice to the adverse party, the transcript and the proposed amendments and objections thereto shall be submitted for settlement to the judge or referee before whom the proceedings were had if the parties cannot agree on the amendments to the transcript. The original of the transcript shall be corrected by the appellant in accordance with the agreement of the parties or the direction of the court and its correctness shall be certified to thereon by the parties or the judge or referee before whom the proceedings were had. When he serves his brief upon the respondent the appellant shall also serve a conformed copy of the transcript or deposit it in the office of the clerk of the court of original instance who shall make it available to respondent.

“2. If the appellant has timely proposed amendments and served them with a copy of the transcript on respondent, and no amendments or objections are proposed by the respondent within the time limited by paragraph 1, the transcript, certified as correct by the court reporter, together with appellant's proposed amendments, shall be deemed correct without the necessity of a stipulation by the parties certifying to its correctness or the

settlement of the transcript by the judge or referee. The appellant shall affix to such transcript an affirmation, certifying to his compliance with the time limitation, the service of the notice provided by paragraph 3 and the respondent's failure to propose amendments or objections within the time prescribed.

“3. Appellant shall serve on respondent together with a copy of the transcript and the proposed amendments, a notice of settlement containing a specific reference to subdivision (c) of this rule, and stating that if respondent fails to propose amendments or objections within the time limited by paragraph 1, the provisions of paragraph 2 shall apply.”

§ 5.3 Time limitations.

The court has imposed time limits upon the perfection of a civil cause. Section 1250.10 (a) of the Practice Rules of the Appellate Division provides:

"(a) Civil Matters. In the event that an appellant fails to perfect a civil matter within six months of the date of the notice of appeal, the order of transfer, or the order granting leave to appeal, as extended pursuant to section 1250.9(b) of this Part, the matter shall be deemed dismissed without further order."

A party needing additional time to perfect an appeal or serve and file a brief must obtain an extension of time to do so. Such an extension may be obtained by agreement with the other parties to the appeal, embodied in a written stipulation filed with the court, or by an application in the form of a letter addressed to the clerk setting forth a reason why more time is needed (22 NYCRR § 1250.9[b],[g]; 670.9[b]).

§ 5.4 General requirements of records, appendices, briefs (see, 22 NYCRR §§ 1250.6, 1250.7, 1250.8; 670.9, 670.10.1).

An appeal may be prosecuted upon a full reproduced record (CPLR 5528[a][5]), an appendix (CPLR 5528[f][5]), an agreed statement of facts in lieu of record (CPLR 5527), or, where authorized by statute, the Rules of this court, or an order of this court, upon a record consisting of the original papers.

A party must file six copies of a record, appendix, or agreed statement, and of the brief, one of which should be marked "original", with proof of service of one copy on each adversary (22 NYCRR §1250.9[a],[c],[d]). In addition, one digital copy of each brief must be submitted to the court (22 NYCRR §§ 1250.9[a],[c],[d]; 670.9[a]). The document must be bound on the left side; the pages must be 8 1/2 by 11 inches; no metal fasteners or similar hard material may protrude; volumes may not exceed two inches in thickness.

There must be a cover which, among other things, sets forth the title of the action with the parties' status in the trial court as well as in the Appellate Division (e.g., plaintiff-appellant; defendant-respondent). The cover of a record, appendix, or agreed statement should include the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of all attorneys and

identify the parties they represent, and the index number of the matter in the trial court (a sample cover for a record is annexed to this pamphlet).

A record, appendix, agreed statement and brief must contain a statement pursuant to CPLR 5531, setting forth the information required by that statute (a sample statement pursuant to CPLR 5531 is annexed to this pamphlet).

The clerk may refuse to accept any document which does not comply with the Rules, is incomplete, untimely, is not legible or otherwise fails to comply with any applicable statute, rule or order (22 NYCRR § 1250.1[g]).

If appeals are taken from more than one paper in the same matter, they may be consolidated and prosecuted in one record and brief (22 NYCRR § 1250.9[f][3]). Each appeal must be timely perfected in accordance with the Rules (22 NYCRR § 1250.9[f][3]).

A record or appendix may not contain a transcript of testimony given at a trial, hearing, or deposition reproduced in a condensed format such that two or more pages in standard format appear on one page unless the transcript was submitted in that format to the court from which the appeal is taken (22 NYCRR § 1250.7[e]).

§ 5.5 Certification of the record or appendix.

The record or appendix must be certified as a true and complete copy of the original documents on file with the clerk of the court from which the appeal is taken. The certification may be made in one of the following three ways (22 NYCRR § 1250.7[g]): (1) by the certificate of the appellant's attorney pursuant to CPLR 2105, (2) by the certificate of the clerk of the court from which the appeal is taken, or (3) by stipulation of counsel or the parties pursuant to CPLR 5532. A party proceeding *pro se* who cannot obtain a stipulation of his or her opponent as to the correctness of the record or appendix, and who cannot afford the cost of obtaining the certification of the appropriate clerk, may move to dispense with the certification requirement of the court's rules. The motion must be supported by a copy of the movant's proposed appendix, and the movant must establish an inability to certify by one of the methods set forth in 22 NYCRR 1250.7(g). Such a motion must be made and determined before the filing of the record or appendix.

§ 5.6 Concurrent and cross appeals.

When appeals are separately taken from the same judgment, order, or decree by parties whose interests are not adverse to one another, they are called concurrent appellants. If the interests of the appellants are adverse, they are called cross appellants (22 NYCRR § 1250.1[a][5],[6]).

Unless the court orders otherwise, concurrent and/or cross appellants are required to consult and file a joint record or appendix, which shall include the respective notices of appeal of the parties (22 NYCRR § 1250.9[f],[g]). The filing deadlines for concurrent and cross appeals can be found in the above section.

§ 5.7 The record.

The full reproduced record is the most common way of perfecting a civil appeal. It must include a table of contents, a statement pursuant to CPLR 5531, a copy of the notice of

appeal (or order of transfer, or order granting leave to appeal), a copy of the paper appealed from, the underlying decision, if any, and the papers submitted to the trial court (e.g., motion papers, trial testimony). Materials not submitted to the trial court are not part of the record.

The record and brief may not be bound together and filed as a single document.

§ 5.8 The appendix.

Like a record, an appendix must contain a table of contents, a statement pursuant to CPLR 5531, a copy of the notice of appeal (or order of transfer, or order granting leave to appeal), a copy of the paper appealed from, and the underlying decision, if any. However, unlike a record, a party need only submit so much of the papers (or testimony) that were before the trial court as the party deems necessary to permit the court to fully consider the issues raised; the party must include papers (or testimony) benefitting the adversary as well as his or her own position (CPLR 5528[a][5]; 22 NYCRR § 1250.7[a]).

When an appendix is filed, the party must arrange with the clerk of the court from which the appeal was taken to send the entire original file to the Appellate Division (22 NYCRR § 1250.9(a)[2][i]). If a trial or hearing was held and all of the testimony is not included in the appendix, a complete set of the minutes must be submitted to this court (22 NYCRR 1250.7[d][4]).

§ 5.9 The agreed statement.

The statement, in proper form and properly bound, must be submitted as a joint appendix. It must also contain a table of contents, a statement pursuant to CPLR 5531, a copy of the notice of appeal (or order of transfer, or order granting leave to appeal), a copy of the paper appealed from, the underlying decision, if any, and a statement of the issues to be determined (CPLR 5527; 22 NYCRR § 1250.5[d]).

§ 5.10 The original record.

Certain matters may be prosecuted as a matter of right upon a record consisting of the original papers. These include appeals from Family Court orders (Family Court Act § 1116), appeals under the Human Rights Law (Executive Law § 298), and appeals arising under the Election Law. In addition, an appellant or petitioner may be granted leave to perfect using the original record method by order of this court upon motion (22 NYCRR § 1250.5[e]).

§ 5.11 Briefs.

Briefs prepared on a computer shall be printed in either a 14-point serified, proportionally spaced typeface (except that footnotes may be printed in type of no less than 12 points), or a 12-point serified, monospaced typeface containing no more than 10½ characters per inch (except that footnotes may be printed in type of no less than 10 points). Typewritten briefs shall be neatly prepared in clear type of no less than elite in size and in a pitch of no more than 12 characters per inch. Computer-generated appellant's and respondent's briefs must not exceed 14,000 words, and reply and amicus curiae briefs must not exceed 7,000 words, inclusive of point headings and footnotes and exclusive of pages containing the table of contents or table of citations. Typewritten appellants' and respondents' briefs must not exceed 50 pages, and reply

briefs and amicus curiae briefs must not exceed 25 pages, exclusive of pages containing the table of contents or table of citations. If a party's brief exceeds these limitations, he or she must seek advance permission from the clerk of the Appellate Division by a letter annexed to a draft of the brief (22 NYCRR § 1250.9[h]).

In the upper right-hand corner of the cover of a brief, the party upon whose behalf it is filed must state the time requested for argument and who will argue, or the court will deem that brief submitted without oral argument (a sample cover for a brief is annexed to this pamphlet).

The appellant's brief must contain a statement pursuant to CPLR 5531; a table of contents, including the points urged in the brief; a concise statement of the facts of the case; a statement of the questions raised; the arguments divided by the points urged; and, if the appeal is being prosecuted on the original record, a copy of the paper appealed from, the underlying decision, if any, and a copy of the notice of appeal (22 NYCRR § 1250.8[b]).

The respondent's brief must contain a table of contents, including the points urged in the brief; and argument arranged under the point headings urged (22 NYCRR § 1250.8[c]). The respondent's brief is due 30 days after service of the appellant's brief (22 NYCRR § 1250.9[c]).

The reply brief must contain a table of contents and reply to the respondent's arguments (22 NYCRR § 1250.8[d]). A reply brief may be filed no later than 10 days after service of the respondent's brief (22 NYCRR § 1250.9[d]).

A party must file six copies of the brief and serve one on each adversary (22 NYCRR § 1250.9).

Briefs must be signed in accordance with § 130-1.1-a(a) of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts (22 NYCRR § 130-1.1-a[a]; see, § 10.3 of this pamphlet). All briefs, except those that are handwritten, must also contain a printing specifications statement. 22 NYCRR § 1250.8[j].

§ 5.12 **Constitutionality of statute.**

If the constitutionality of a State statute is involved, and the State is not a party, the party raising the issue must serve a copy of his or her brief on the State Attorney-General (22 NYCRR § 1250.9[i]).

§ 5.13 **Filing fee.**

CPLR 8022(b) requires that a fee of \$315 be paid upon the perfection of a civil appeal. The fee must be paid irrespective of the method by which an appeal is perfected, i.e., by the full record, appendix, or original papers method, unless the party is exempt (e.g., has been granted poor person relief pursuant to CPLR 1102).

§ 5.14 **Request for argument.**

A party who wishes to argue a cause must make a request for time to do so. The request is made at the time the brief is filed in the form of a notation in the upper right-hand corner of its cover stating that the cause is to be argued, the time actually required for argument,

and the name of the attorney or party *pro se* who will argue (22 NYCRR § 1250.8[a]; a sample cover of a brief is annexed to this pamphlet). Parties who do not wish to argue should mark their brief: "To be submitted."

Court rules permit argument of up to 15 minutes on all appeals in which argument is allowed (22 NYCRR § 670.15[a]).

Argument is not allowed as to certain issues. Section 670.15(b) of the Practice Rules of the Second Department provides:

"(b) Argument proscribed. Argument is not permitted on issues involving maintenance; spousal support; child support; counsel fees; the legality, propriety or excessiveness of sentences; determinations made pursuant to the sex offender registration act; grand jury reports; and calendar and practice matters including but not limited to preferences, bills of particulars, correction of pleadings, examinations before trial, physical examinations, discovery of records, interrogatories, change of venue, and transfers of actions to and from the Supreme Court."

A party who has not filed a brief may not orally argue (22 NYCRR 1250.15[c][1]). The court retains the right to deny oral argument of any cause (22 NYCRR 1250.15[c][1]).

6. Special Proceedings.

§ 6.1 Original CPLR article 78 proceedings.

The most common form of invoking the original jurisdiction of this court is a CPLR article 78 proceeding against a Supreme Court Justice or County Court Judge commenced in this court pursuant to CPLR 506(b)(1) (e.g., to prohibit the Justice or Judge from performing an act or to compel him or her to perform an act mandated by law). The proceeding may be commenced by notice of petition and petition or by order to show cause and petition. If the proceeding is commenced by notice of petition, the party must give the adversary 20 days notice (CPLR 7804[c]). Orders to show cause are explained in § 8.2 of this pamphlet.

§ 6.2 Transferred CPLR article 78 proceedings.

One of the issues that may be raised in a CPLR article 78 proceeding commenced in the Supreme Court is whether an administrative determination made after a hearing at which evidence is taken is supported by substantial evidence (CPLR 7803[4]). Where such an issue is raised, the proceeding must be transferred to this court for disposition (CPLR 7804[g]).

A CPLR article 78 proceeding transferred to this court must be perfected by a method specified by section 670.9 of the Rules, e.g., upon a full reproduced record, an appendix, an agreed statement or, if authorized by statute, rule, or order of this court, the original record (see, 22 NYCRR § 1250.12[a]).

§ 6.3 Writ of habeas corpus.

A Justice of this court may issue a writ of habeas corpus or an order to show cause commencing a habeas corpus proceeding to challenge the legality of the detention of a person held within the jurisdiction of this Department (CPLR 7002[b][2]). Generally, this court will entertain original jurisdiction over, and hear argument on, only those habeas corpus proceedings challenging bail as being excessive. Ordinarily, the resolution of a habeas corpus proceeding raising issues other than the excessiveness of bail will involve disputed questions of fact and an application for a writ in such a case should be presented to the appropriate trial level court in the county in which the individual who is the subject of the writ is detained. If presented to a Justice of this court for signature, such a writ will usually be made returnable in the appropriate trial level court.

§ 6.4 Other special proceedings.

Various State statutes permit a limited number of other proceedings to be commenced in this court. Litigants should refer specifically to those provisions for more information and to section 1250.13 of the Practice Rules of the Appellate Division.

§ 6.5 Filing fee.

CPLR 8022(b) requires that a fee of \$315 be paid upon the filing of a notice of petition or order to show cause commencing a special proceeding in this court.

7. CPLR 5704.

CPLR 5704(a) gives this court authority to review ex parte orders of a Justice of the Supreme Court, a Judge of a Family Court or Court of Claims, or a Surrogate. If both parties submitted papers to the Justice, Judge, or Surrogate, the order is not ex parte and CPLR 5704(a) review does not lie.

If the trial court granted relief ex parte (e.g., granted a temporary restraining order in an order to show cause), then one Justice of the Appellate Division may vacate or modify the order. A panel of Justices is needed to grant relief that the trial court declined to grant.

Section 1250.4(b)(2) of the Practice Rules of the Appellate Division requires that the party seeking relief pursuant to CPLR 5704(a) give his or her adversary reasonable notice of the date, time and place that the application will be made and of the relief being requested. The papers must include an affidavit describing the notice given and the position of the other party. If the party submitting the application is unwilling to give notice, he or she must state the reason for such unwillingness. Section 670.4(a)(1) of the Rules of Practice of the Second Department requires that this notice be accompanied by a copy of the papers the party seeking relief intends to present to the court for filing to the extent practicable.

The Appellate Division will not review an ex parte order to show cause applied for at the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court.

8. Motion Practice.

If a party needs to seek relief from the court prior to or after the filing of records and briefs, the party must proceed by way of a motion, which may be brought on by a notice of motion or order to show cause.

Oral argument is not permitted on motions. On the return date they are deemed submitted and counsel or self-represented parties should not appear at the courthouse (22 NYCRR § 1250.4[a][8]).

§ 8.1 Notice of motion.

If time is not of the essence and interim relief with a temporary restraining order (TRO) is not needed, the movant should proceed by notice of motion (a sample notice of motion is annexed to this pamphlet). Motions prosecuted by notice of motion may be made returnable at 10:00 A.M. on any Monday, except holidays (22 NYCRR § 1250.4[a][1]). The party making the motion is required to give his or her adversary at least eight days notice if the papers are delivered in person, and at least 13 days notice if they are served by mail. The moving papers should be filed with the court at least one week before the return date and opposition papers should be filed by 4:00 P.M. on the business day before the return date (22 NYCRR § 1250.4[2],[5]).

The motion papers must contain a copy of the notice of appeal and the paper appealed from (22 NYCRR §1250.4[a][3]), an affidavit setting forth the background of the case and why the relief requested should be granted, any other exhibits or affidavits deemed necessary, and an affidavit stating that the papers were served upon the adversary.

A cross motion must be made returnable the same day as the original motion and must be served and filed three business days prior thereto (22 NYCRR § 1250.4[a][6]).

§ 8.2 Order to show cause.

If time is of the essence or a TRO is needed, the moving party should proceed by order to show cause (a sample order to show cause is annexed to this pamphlet). The order to show cause must be signed by a Justice of this court. The TRO should be set forth in a separate paragraph. The granting of a TRO lies within the discretion of the Justice who signs the order to show cause; it is not granted as a matter of course. The court will insert the return date of the application and it will usually be a shorter period than if the motion were made by notice of motion. The signing of an order to show cause is discretionary, and, if it is not signed, the movant may proceed by notice of motion.

The movant must include with the order to show cause a copy of the notice of appeal and paper appealed from, an affidavit setting forth the background of the case and why the relief requested should be granted, if a TRO is requested what immediate harm would result if it is not granted, and any other exhibits or affidavits deemed necessary.

§ 8.3 Temporary restraining order.

As with an application pursuant to CPLR 5704 (see, Part 7 of this pamphlet), section 670.5(e) of the Rules requires that an applicant for a TRO give his or her adversary

reasonable notice of the date, time, and place that the application for the order to show cause will be made, and the nature of the relief requested. The motion papers must include an affidavit describing the notice given and the position of the other party. Section 670.4(a)(1) of the Rules of Practice of the Second Department requires that this notice be accompanied by a copy of the papers the party seeking relief intends to present to the court for filing to the extent practicable. If the movant is unwilling to give notice, he or she must set forth the reasons for such unwillingness. If an attorney or a party *pro se* is seeking a TRO, he or she must personally appear unless excused (22 NYCRR § 1250.4[b][1]).

§ 8.4 Motions to reargue, resettle, amend.

Motions for reargument or to resettle or amend a decision and order of this court shall be made within 30 days after service of a copy of the decision and order with notice of its entry in the office of the clerk of this court (22 NYCRR § 1250.16[d][1]).

§ 8.5 Filing fee for motions.

CPLR 8022(b) provides that the fee for filing a motion or cross motion regarding a civil appeal or special proceeding is \$45. However, no fee is payable for a motion which seeks poor person relief pursuant to CPLR 1101(a).

9. The Calendar.

§ 9.1 The general calendar.

When a matter is perfected it is placed on the court's general calendar to await the filing of answering and reply briefs, if any, before it can be placed on the day calendar for argument or submission to a panel of Justices. Unless a preference is granted, matters are generally heard in the order in which they are perfected.

§ 9.2 Preferences.

It will take several months after a matter is perfected before it will appear on a day calendar. A party who is entitled by law to a preference (to have the matter taken out of turn and heard on a date certain) may serve and file a demand for that relief at the time the matter is perfected, setting forth the provision of law relied upon and the basis for the preference (22 NYCRR § 1250.15[a][1]). In all other cases, if a party desires an early calendar date, he or she must move for a preference on papers showing good cause why the case should be preferred over other matters (22 NYCRR § 1250.15[b]).

§ 9.3 The day calendar; notice.

The court schedules cases for a hearing before a particular panel of Justices by publishing its day calendars in the *New York Law Journal* and on its web site at www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad2/calendar/. No other official notice is provided to litigants. Oral argument will not be rescheduled because of the failure of a litigant to obtain actual prior notice of the appearance of a cause on the day calendar.

§ 9.4

The call of the day calendar and argument or submission.

Unless otherwise ordered, the court convenes at 10 o'clock in the morning in the courtroom in its courthouse located at 45 Monroe Place in Brooklyn, New York. Court sessions are held every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, excepting public holidays and during certain recess periods (22 NYCRR § 670.1[b]).



The Courtroom

The first order of business is the call of the day calendar by the Justice Presiding. Parties who marked the cover of their brief with an argument request and who still wish to argue must answer the calendar call and state the amount of time required. Those who made an argument request on their brief but who no longer wish to argue, may submit simply by not appearing in court at the call of the calendar. The court will then mark their appeal submitted without argument. Thereafter the cases will be heard in the order that they appear on the day calendar.

10. Frivolous Conduct — Costs & Sanctions; the Signing Requirement.

Parties and attorneys who prosecute frivolous appeals or proceedings or engage in frivolous motion practice in this court are subject to the imposition of an award to their opponent of costs in the form of reimbursement

of actual expenses reasonably incurred and reasonable attorneys fees, and to a sanction of up to \$10,000 for each single instance of such conduct (22 NYCRR Part 130; 22 NYCRR § 1250.1[h]).

Pursuant to § 130-1.1-a of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts, papers filed with this court in a civil cause must be signed. The signature constitutes a certification by the signer that the presentation of the paper or the contentions therein are not frivolous (22 NYCRR § 130-1.1-a; 22 NYCRR § 1250.1[d]), as well as a representation of the accuracy of the printing specifications statement (22 NYCRR § 1250.8[j]).

When a signature is required, any attorney with the firm can sign. Parties appearing *pro se* are also obligated to sign their papers. The signature must be an autograph in ink and must be on the original of the paper that is to be filed in the office of the clerk of this court. The signatory's name must be typed or printed below the signature.

Complete information concerning the signing requirement and its applicability in this court is provided in the court's instructional publication "Complying with the Signing Requirement of 22 NYCRR 130-1.1-a," which is attached to this guide.

11. Miscellaneous.

§ 11.1 Poor person relief; relief from printing requirement.

If a party wishes to be exempt from payment of the \$315 filing fee to perfect a civil appeal or special proceeding, the \$45 filing fee for motions and cross motions, and/or the requirement that a civil appeal or proceeding be perfected using a printed record or appendix, he or she must move for poor person relief (CPLR 1101, 1102). The papers must be served on the Corporation Counsel if the appeal arises from a court in New York City or the County Attorney if not in the city (CPLR 1101[c]). If a party is unable to afford the expense of printing a record or appendix, but would not qualify for poor person relief, he or she may submit a motion for permission to prosecute the appeal on the original record.

§ 11.2 Filings.

All papers required to be filed at the court (e.g., records, briefs and motions) are deemed filed only as of the time they are actually received and stamped by the office of the Clerk (22 NYCRR § 1250.1[c][ii]).

§ 11.3 Decisions.

The decisions of the court on motions and on appeals and special proceedings are published in the *New York Law Journal* and on the court's web site at www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad2/. If a party without access to the *New York Law Journal* or the Internet wishes to receive a copy of a judgment or order of this court determining a cause or motion, he or she must submit a self-addressed, stamped envelope which should include the docket number or numbers assigned by this court. Such an order or judgment is deemed entered on the date upon which it was issued (22 NYCRR § 1250.16[a]).

§11.4 Electronic Filing

In March of 2018, the court began electronic filing through the New York State Courts Electronic Filing (NYSCEF) system. To determine whether your appeal is subject to electronic filing, and for the rules that relate to e-filing, please consult this court's website at www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad2/efiling.

§ 11.5 Web Site

Further information about the court, including directions to the courthouse, the answers to frequently asked questions, a description of the process by which a case is decided, biographies of the Justices of the court, its rules of procedure, calendars, decisions, and copies of its forms and public notices are posted on the court's web site at www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad2/.

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_____ Court of the State of New York
County of _____

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Index No.:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that *(insert your name)* _____
hereby appeals to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second
Judicial Department, from a *(insert judgment, order, decree, etc.)* _____ of the
_____ Court, _____ County, dated
_____.

Dated: _____, New York
_____, 20____

Yours, etc.,

Signature

(Print Name)

(Address)

(Telephone Number)

To: *(Insert below the name and address of the clerk of the trial
court and the names and addresses of all opponents)*

Supreme Court of the State of New York

Appellate Division: Judicial Department

Informational Statement (Pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1250.3 [a]) - Civil

Case Title: Set forth the title of the case as it appears on the summons, notice of petition or order to show cause by which the matter was or is to be commenced, or as amended.	For Court of Original Instance
- against -	Date Notice of Appeal Filed
	For Appellate Division

Case Type	Filing Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Action <input type="checkbox"/> CPLR article 75 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> CPLR article 78 Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> Special Proceeding Other <input type="checkbox"/> Habeas Corpus Proceeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal <input type="checkbox"/> Original Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/> CPLR Article 78 <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent Domain <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Law 220 or 220-b <input type="checkbox"/> Public Officers Law § 36 <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property Tax Law § 1278 <input type="checkbox"/> Transferred Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> CPLR Article 78 <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Law § 298 <input type="checkbox"/> CPLR 5704 Review

Nature of Suit: Check up to three of the following categories which best reflect the nature of the case.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Contracts
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<input type="checkbox"/> Family Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage Foreclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous	<input type="checkbox"/> Prisoner Discipline & Parole
<input type="checkbox"/> Real Property (other than foreclosure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxation	<input type="checkbox"/> Torts

Appeal

Paper Appealed From (Check one only):	If an appeal has been taken from more than one order or judgment by the filing of this notice of appeal, please indicate the below information for each such order or judgment appealed from on a separate sheet of paper.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended Decree <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Judgement <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Order <input type="checkbox"/> Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Decree	<input type="checkbox"/> Determination <input type="checkbox"/> Finding <input type="checkbox"/> Interlocutory Decree <input type="checkbox"/> Interlocutory Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Order <input type="checkbox"/> Order & Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Decree <input type="checkbox"/> Resettled Decree <input type="checkbox"/> Resettled Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> Resettled Order <input type="checkbox"/> Ruling <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):
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Dated:	Entered:		
Judge (name in full):	Index No.:		
Stage: <input type="checkbox"/> Interlocutory <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Final	Trial: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Jury <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Jury		

Prior Unperfected Appeal and Related Case Information

Are any appeals arising in the same action or proceeding currently pending in the court? Yes No
 If Yes, please set forth the Appellate Division Case Number assigned to each such appeal.

Where appropriate, indicate whether there is any related action or proceeding now in any court of this or any other jurisdiction, and if so, the status of the case:

Original Proceeding

Commenced by: <input type="checkbox"/> Order to Show Cause <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of Habeas Corpus	Date Filed:
Statute authorizing commencement of proceeding in the Appellate Division:	

Proceeding Transferred Pursuant to CPLR 7804(g)

Court:	County:
Judge (name in full):	Order of Transfer Date:

CPLR 5704 Review of Ex Parte Order:

Court:	County:
Judge (name in full):	Dated:

Description of Appeal, Proceeding or Application and Statement of Issues

Description: If an appeal, briefly describe the paper appealed from. If the appeal is from an order, specify the relief requested and whether the motion was granted or denied. If an original proceeding commenced in this court or transferred pursuant to CPLR 7804(g), briefly describe the object of proceeding. If an application under CPLR 5704, briefly describe the nature of the ex parte order to be reviewed.

Issues: Specify the issues proposed to be raised on the appeal, proceeding, or application for CPLR 5704 review, the grounds for reversal, or modification to be advanced and the specific relief sought on appeal.

Party Information

Instructions: Fill in the name of each party to the action or proceeding, one name per line. If this form is to be filed for an appeal, indicate the status of the party in the court of original instance and his, her, or its status in this court, if any. If this form is to be filed for a proceeding commenced in this court, fill in only the party's name and his, her, or its status in this court.

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Attorney/Firm Name:

Address:

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E-mail Address:

Attorney Type: Retained Assigned Government Pro Se Pro Hac Vice

Party or Parties Represented (set forth party number(s) from table above):

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Party or Parties Represented (set forth party number(s) from table above):

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Appellate Division Docket No.:

Upon the annexed affidavit of _____, dated _____, 20____, and the papers annexed thereto,

LET _____ **SHOW CAUSE BEFORE THIS COURT**, at the courthouse thereof, located at 45 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, New York, 11201, on the ____ day of _____, 20____, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of that date or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, why an order should not be made and entered:

- 1.
- 2.
3. Granting such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and equitable.

SUFFICIENT CAUSE THEREFOR APPEARING, it is

ORDERED that pending the hearing and determination of this motion

_____ are stayed; and it is further,

ORDERED that service of a copy of this order to show cause and the papers upon which it was made upon _____ by

- personal delivery pursuant to CPLR 2103(b)(1)
- office delivery pursuant to CPLR 2103(b)(3)
- overnight delivery service pursuant to CPLR 2103(b)(6)

on or before _____, 20____, shall be deemed sufficient service thereof.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York
_____, 20____

Associate Justice
Appellate Division: 2nd Department

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

NOTICE OF MOTION

Appellate Division Docket No.:

Please take notice that upon the annexed affidavit of _____, dated _____, 20____, and the papers annexed thereto, the undersigned will move this court, at the courthouse thereof, located at 45 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, New York, 11201, on the ____ day of _____, 20____, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of that date, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an order granting the following relief:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
5. Such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and equitable.

Dated: _____, New York
_____, 20____

Yours, etc.:

Signature

Print name: _____

Address: _____

email address: _____

To: _____

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

AFFIDAVIT

Appellate Division Docket No.:

State of New York)
County of _____) ss.:

I, _____, being duly sworn, depose and say that:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

WHEREFORE, I request that the court grant me the following relief:

Dated: _____, 20__

Sworn to before me this _____
day of _____, 20__

Notary Public

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

Appellate Division Docket No.:

State of New York)
County of _____) ss.:

_____, being duly sworn,
deposes and says that:

1. The deponent is not a party to the action, is 18 years of age or older, and resides at:

2. On the _____ day of _____, 20____, the deponent served the following described paper upon the person or persons listed in paragraph 5 hereof:

3. The number of copies served on each of said persons was _____.
4. The method of service on each of said persons was:
 - By delivering the paper to the person personally pursuant to CPLR 2103(b)(1).
 - By mailing the paper to the person at the address designated by him or her for that purpose by depositing the same in a first class, postpaid, properly addressed wrapper, in a post office or official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York pursuant to CPLR2103(b)(2).
 - Where the person served is an attorney, by leaving the paper with the person in charge of the office of that attorney, pursuant to CPLR 2103(b)(3).
 - Where the person served is an attorney whose office was not open for business at the time of service, by depositing the paper, enclosed in a sealed wrapper directed to the attorney, in the attorney's office letter drop or box pursuant to CPLR 2103(b)(3).
 - By leaving the paper at the person's residence within the State of New York with a person of suitable age and discretion, pursuant to CPLR 2103(b)(4) where service at the person's office could not be made pursuant to CPLR 2103(b)(3).
 - By transmitting the paper by facsimile transmission to the telephone number or other station designated by the person for that purpose, pursuant to CPLR 2103(b)(5). A signal was obtained from equipment of the person served indicating that the transmission was received and a copy of the paper was mailed to the person

- By dispatching the paper to the person by overnight delivery service at the address designated by the person for that purpose, pursuant to CPLR 2103(b)(6).
5. The name of the person or names of the persons served and the address or addresses at which service was made are as follows:

Dated: _____, New York
_____, 20____

Sworn to before me this _____
day of _____, 20____

Notary Public

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

SIGNING REQUIREMENT
CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to 22 NYCRR
§ 130-1.1-a

Appellate Division Docket No.:

I hereby certify pursuant to 22 NYCRR § 130-1.1-a that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, the presentation of the papers listed below or the contentions therein are not frivolous as defined in 22 NYCRR § 130-1.1(c):

Dated: _____, New York
_____, 20____

Signature

Print Name

Print Address

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

John Doe,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

Appellate Division Docket No.:

-against-

ABC Corporation,

Defendant-Respondent.

*(Do not change the order of the parties in the title from that on the summons
or petition.)*

RECORD ON APPEAL

John Doe
Appellant *pro se*
15 Lois Lane
Metropolis, New York 10000
212 123-4567
John.Doe@domainABC.com

Ricardo & Mertz, P.C.
Attorneys for Respondent
One Main Street
Metropolis, New York 10000
212 987-6543
John.Doe@domainABC.com

To be argued by: John Doe
10 Minutes
(Or: To be submitted.)

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

John Doe,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

-against-

Appellate Division Docket No.:

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APPELLANT'S BRIEF

John Doe
Appellant *pro se*
15 Lois Lane
Metropolis, New York 10000
212 123-4567
John.Doe@domainABC.com

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

John Doe,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

-against-

Appellate Division Docket No.:

ABC Corporation,

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STATEMENT PURSUANT TO CPLR 5531

1. The Index Number in the trial court was 9876/98
2. The full names of the parties are set forth above. There have been no changes.
3. The action was commenced in the Supreme Court, Kings County.
4. The summons and complaint were served on January 8, 1998. The answer was served on February 2, 1998.
5. The object of the action is to recover damages for personal injuries arising out of an automobile accident.
6. The appeal is from an order of the Supreme Court, Kings County dated March 2, 1998, and entered March 3, 1998, made by Justice Smith.
7. The appeal is being perfected on the full record method.

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

CERTIFICATION
Pursuant to CPLR 2105

Appellate Division Docket No.:

I, _____, an attorney at law admitted to practice before the courts of the State of New York, hereby certify pursuant to CPLR 2105 that the papers contained in the annexed _____ have been personally compared by me with the originals on file in the office of:

the clerk of the _____ Court, _____ County,
or,

the clerk of the County of _____,

and that I found them to be true and complete copies of those originals.

Dated: _____, New York
_____, 20____

Signature

Print Name

Attorney for:

Address

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

COMPLETING A PRINTING SPECIFICATIONS STATEMENT

Section 1250.8[j] of the Practice Rules of the Appellate Division, requires that all briefs, except those that are handwritten, have at the end thereof a printing specifications statement attesting that the formatting of the brief complies with the court's rules. The statement may be single spaced and need not be signed, but the signing of the brief shall be deemed the signer's representation of the accuracy of the statement (22 NYCRR 1250.8[j]). The following examples, when properly completed with the requisite information, will satisfy the rule. *Do not attach this document to a brief! The text of the appropriate statement should be included as a part of the brief at its end.*

Typewritten Brief

The foregoing brief was prepared on a typewriter. The size of the type is pica and the pitch of the type is 10 characters per inch.

Computer-generated Brief - Proportionally Spaced Typeface

The foregoing brief was prepared on a computer (on a word processor). A proportionally spaced typeface was used, as follows:

Name of typeface: _____
Point size: _____
Line spacing: _____

The total number of words in the brief, inclusive of point headings and footnotes and exclusive of pages containing the table of contents, table of citations, proof of service, printing specifications statement, or any authorized addendum containing statutes, rules, regulations, etc., is

Computer-generated Brief - Monospaced Typeface

The foregoing brief was prepared on a computer (on a word processor). A monospaced typeface was used, as follows:

Name of typeface: _____
Point size: _____
Line spacing: _____

The total number of words in the brief, inclusive of point headings and footnotes and exclusive of pages containing the table of contents, table of citations, proof of service, printing specifications statement, or any authorized addendum containing statutes, rules, regulations, etc., is

Completed Example - 14-Point Proportionally Spaced Typeface

PRINTING SPECIFICATIONS STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 22 NYCRR § 1250.8[j]

The foregoing brief was prepared on a computer. A proportionally spaced typeface was used, as follows:

Name of typeface: Times New Roman

Point size: 14

Line spacing: Double

The total number of words in the brief, inclusive of point headings and footnotes and exclusive of pages containing the table of contents, table of citations, proof of service, printing specifications statement, or any authorized addendum containing statutes, rules, regulations, etc., is 12,345.

Completed Example - 12-Point Monospaced Typeface

PRINTING SPECIFICATIONS STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 22 NYCRR § 1250.8[j]

The foregoing brief was prepared on a computer. A monospaced typeface was used, as follows:

Name of typeface: Courier

Point size: 12

Line spacing: Double

The total number of words in the brief, inclusive of point headings and footnotes and exclusive of pages containing the table of contents, table of citations, proof of service, printing specifications statement, or any authorized addendum containing statutes, rules, regulations, etc., is 12,345.

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**A GLOSSARY OF TERMS FOR
FORMATTING COMPUTER-GENERATED BRIEFS, WITH EXAMPLES**

The rules concerning the formatting of briefs are contained in CPLR 5529 and in § 1250.8 of the Practice Rules of the Appellate Division. Those rules cover technical matters and therefore use certain technical terms which may be unfamiliar to attorneys and litigants. The following glossary is offered as an aid to the understanding of the rules.

Typeface: A typeface is a complete set of characters of a particular and consistent design for the composition of text, and is also called a font. Typefaces often come in sets which usually include a **bold** and an *italic* version in addition to the basic design.

Proportionally Spaced Typeface: Proportionally spaced type is designed so that the amount of horizontal space each letter occupies on a line of text is proportional to the design of each letter, the letter i, for example, being narrower than the letter w. More text of the same type size fits on a horizontal line of proportionally spaced type than a horizontal line of the same length of monospaced type. This sentence is set in Times New Roman, which is a proportionally spaced typeface.

Monospaced Typeface: In a monospaced typeface, each letter occupies the same amount of space on a horizontal line of text. This sentence is set in Courier, which is a monospaced typeface.

Point Size: A point is a unit of measurement used by printers equal to approximately 1/72 of an inch. The vertical height of type is measured in points. The measurement is somewhat complicated and requires a special ruler. The process of measurement is well explained in *The Chicago Manual of Style* (14th ed.) § 19.43. Suffice it to say that an attorney or litigant may rely on the type size setting of the word processing program used to create the brief. A brief utilizing a proportionally spaced typeface must use 14-point type for the body of the text, but 12-point type may be used for footnotes. A brief utilizing a monospaced typeface must use 12-point type for the body of the text, but 10-point type may be used for footnotes.

Double Spacing: Double spaced text has a blank line between successive lines of type. The space between lines is called leading and is measured in points from the bottom of one line of text to the bottom of the next. Double spaced text should have leading of at least the height of the type. Thus double spaced 14-point type must have at least 14 points of leading, for a total line spacing of 28 points. An attorney or litigant may rely on the line spacing setting of the word processing program used to create the brief.

Serif: A serif is not an angel (a seraph), but rather is a fine cross-stroke at the end of the principal stroke of a letter. Serifs enable the eye to move easily from letter to letter of a line of text and hence improve the readability of a document set in a serified typeface. Sans serif typefaces lack serifs. Times Roman is a serified typeface and Arial is a sans serif typeface. In the following examples, the serifs are the fine lines at the ends of the s, r, i, and f in the word serif, which is set in Times New Roman, and which are missing from the same letters in the words sans serif, which are set in Arial:

Serif

Sans Serif

The rules require the use of a serified typeface to enhance the readability of the brief (22 NYCRR 1250.8[f][2]). The use of sans serif fonts is prohibited.

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COMPLYING WITH THE SIGNING REQUIREMENT OF 22 NYCRR 130-1.1-a

Papers filed with this court in most civil causes must be signed. The signature constitutes a certification by the signer that the presentation of the paper or the contentions therein are not frivolous (22 NYCRR 130-1.1-a).

The requirement applies to civil appeals, habeas corpus proceedings, original and transferred CPLR article 78 proceedings, most Family Court proceedings (e.g., support, custody, visitation, abuse and neglect), and all other actions or proceedings commenced in this court in the first instance.

The requirement is not applicable to criminal cases, to Family Court cases arising under articles 3 (juvenile delinquency), 7 (PINS), and 8 (family offenses) of the Family Court Act, and to appeals in cases originating in a town or village court or a small claims part (see, 22 NYCRR 130-1.1[a]).

When a signature is required, any attorney with the firm can sign. The signature must be an autograph in ink and must be on the original of the paper that is to be filed in the office of the clerk of this court. The attorney's name must be typed or printed below the signature.

Parties appearing *pro se* are also obligated to sign their papers.

Informational Statement

The Informational Statement that must be annexed to the notice of appeal pursuant to the Practice Rules of the Appellate Division (22 NYCRR 1250.3[a]) need not be separately signed. However, those statements that are required to be filed in the office of the clerk of this court in connection with transferred proceedings and actions or proceedings commenced in this court (22 NYCRR 1250.3[a]; 670.3[a]) must be signed on a space provided for that purpose on a litigation back enclosing the Informational Statement or on a separate form annexed thereto. A form for this purpose is available in the office of the clerk.

Records & Appendices

Records and appendices on appeals and on proceedings transferred to this court need not be signed, the papers contained therein having been subject to the application of the signature rule in the court of original instance.

Briefs

The "original" of the brief to be filed with the court must bear an ink autograph signature. All copies must be conformed to the original (*see*, 22 NYCRR 1250.7[d]).

In the event joint briefs are submitted, if separate firms appear for different parties, a signature is needed for each firm. If separate firms appear for the same party, one signature will suffice.

Motions

Motions in General

There are four preferred methods of signing: (1) by signing the actual paper, such as an affidavit, (2) by signing a cover paper, such as a notice of motion, (3) by signing a space provided for that purpose on a litigation back that encloses the motion papers to be filed, or (4) by signing a separate form that lists the accompanying papers. A form for this purpose is available in the office of the clerk. Some of these methods are better adapted than others for use in different types of motion practice.

Motions Prosecuted by Notice of Motion.

The preferred method for complying with the signing requirement on a motion prosecuted by notice of motion is a signature on the notice of motion itself. Alternatively, signing a litigation back or a separate form is appropriate. The notice of motion, litigation back, or separate form must recite the papers that accompany the notice of motion.

If the only affidavit or affirmation in support of the motion is that of the attorney or party *pro se*, the original signature on that paper is sufficient compliance with the rule and a separate signature is not required.

Motions Prosecuted by Order to Show Cause

An order to show cause is not signed by the party or attorney on whose behalf it is submitted for signature. Accordingly, compliance with the signing requirement is necessary in one of the following ways: (1) if the only supporting paper is an affidavit or affirmation of an attorney or a party *pro se*, by signature on that paper, (2) by signature on a litigation back enclosing the motion papers, or (3) by signature on a separate form. If the second or third of these methods is used, the litigation back or form must recite the papers covered by the signature. If the only paper submitted in support of a motion prosecuted by order to show cause is the affidavit or affirmation of a party who is represented by counsel, or the affidavit or affirmation of a nonparty, compliance with the signing requirement by an attorney is required. The signature may be made either on a litigation back or on a separate form, each of which must recite the papers covered by the signature.

Opposition & Reply Papers

If the only paper submitted in opposition to the motion or in reply to opposition papers is an affidavit or affirmation of an attorney or a party *pro se*, the signature on that paper will be sufficient. If, however, the only paper submitted in opposition or reply is the affidavit or affirmation of a party who is represented by counsel, or the affidavit or affirmation of a nonparty, or if more than one affidavit or affirmation is submitted, the signature of an attorney is necessary. That signature may be made either on a litigation back or on a separate form, each of which must recite the papers covered by the signature.