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FOREWORD

The judges of the Eighth District Court of Appeals have adopted these local rules under Section 5(B), Article IV, Ohio Constitution, App.R. 41, and Sup.R. 5(A)(1) and (2), and filed them with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Ohio under Sup.R. 5(A)(3). These authorities allow courts to publish rules “concerning local practice in their respective courts which are not inconsistent with the rules promulgated by the Supreme Court.”

These local rules are not designed to provide a comprehensive scheme of local practice. Rather, they complement the rule structure of the Ohio Rules of Appellate Procedure. For that reason, these local rules are numbered to correspond to the applicable Ohio Rules of Appellate Procedure.

These local rules shall be cited as “Loc.App.R. ____.”

RULE 1. SCOPE OF RULES

(A) **Appeals.** The Rules of Appellate Procedure, as supplemented by these local rules, govern all procedures in appeals to the Eighth District Court of Appeals of Ohio from the trial courts of record within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Eighth District and other tribunals as provided by law.

(B) **Original Actions.** Original actions filed in this court are governed by the following:

- (1) The rules of civil procedure;
- (2) The local rules of appellate procedure;
- (3) All applicable statutes; and
- (4) Statutes authorizing awards of costs.

(C) **Amendment Of Rules.** The Eighth District Court of Appeals has the authority to change its local rules of practice. Ordinarily, the court shall propose a change and invite comment by interested persons at least 30 days before the effective date. In its discretion, the court may allow additional time for comments to be received. Notice shall be accomplished by placing the proposed change on the court's website (<http://appeals.cuyahogacounty.us>), on the public record with the clerk of the court of appeals, by publishing the proposed change in the *Daily Legal News*, and by mailing copies to the presiding judges of the trial courts within the district, to associations of members of the bar, and to any persons requesting a copy. Following the 30-day period for comment, the court, in its discretion, may modify, delete, or adopt a proposed rule change as originally proposed. The court may immediately delete or modify an existing rule or adopt a new rule if, in the opinion of the court, either exigent circumstances so require or the rule change is ministerial in nature. Public comments should be forwarded in writing to: Court Administrator, Court of Appeals, 1 West Lakeside Avenue, Suite 202, Cleveland, OH 44113.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. Jan. 1, 2010; Jan. 19, 2010.)

RULE 2. LAW AND FACT APPEALS ABOLISHED

RESERVED

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999.)

**RULE 3. APPEAL AS OF RIGHT — HOW TAKEN; COST-DEPOSIT;
CONSOLIDATED APPEALS; CROSS-APPEAL**

(A) **Filing Fee And Cost Deposit.** The clerk will not accept for filing any notice of appeal, notice of cross-appeal, or original action unless the party bringing the action deposits with the clerk of courts the sum of \$175.00. Of that sum, \$150.00 will be security for the payment of costs, and \$25.00 is a fee, authorized under R.C. 2501.16(B), for the operation of the court. But, the clerk will receive and file the appeal or action without the payment of \$175.00:

- (1) If the appellant files with the clerk a sworn affidavit (“affidavit of indigency”) or affirmation of inability to secure costs by prepayment; or
- (2) If the appellant produces evidence that the trial court determined that the appellant was indigent for purposes of appeal; or
- (3) If the requirement of prepayment is otherwise excused by operation of law, e.g., R.C. 109.19 and 325.31(C).

(B) Appeal As Of Right.

- (1) The notice of appeal must individually name each party taking the appeal and must have attached to it a copy of the judgment or order appealed from (journal entry) signed by the trial judge and time-stamped with the date of receipt by the clerk. The subject attachments are not jurisdictional but their omission may be the basis for a dismissal.
- (2) A party is required to file only one notice of appeal from a judgment entered in cases consolidated in the trial court. The notice of appeal must list all consolidated case numbers. The appeal will proceed under one case number unless otherwise ordered by the court.
- (3) Counsel, or litigants filing notices of appeal on their own behalf, must include current names and addresses for counsel of record for appellees. In the event an appellee is unrepresented, then the appellee’s current address and email must be provided. If filing the notice of appeal in paper form, appellant is required to provide the original and one copy as well as the necessary number of copies for service.

(C) Consolidation Of Appeals.

- (1) Consolidation Of Appeals. Either on motion or sua sponte, the court may consolidate cases involving related transactions or the same or similar principles of law, even though the parties are not identical. When consolidation has been ordered, the parties with a common interest must try to prepare a common brief with an addendum to cover any proposition that a party deems unique to that party. Any addendum may not exceed 15 pages without leave of court.
- (2) Service In Consolidated Appeals. When appeals are consolidated, the clerk of the court of appeals may limit its notice of journal entries to one notice for each counsel (or party, if not represented by counsel) where identical journal entries are being made in each consolidated appeal. Such service will constitute due notice as to all the consolidated appeals. Costs will ordinarily be assigned to the lowest case number.
- (3) Manner of Filing in Consolidated Appeals. After consolidation of appeals, parties shall file any documents, including motions, briefs, and notices, under the lowest appeal number, indicating on the title of the document all appellate case numbers subject to the consolidation.

(D) Cross-Appeal. Notice of cross-appeal shall be filed like a notice of appeal with the clerk of the trial court and with the praecipe and docketing statement.

(E) Service by Prosecutor. When a prosecutor takes an appeal either of right or accompanied by a motion for leave to appeal in a felony, misdemeanor, or juvenile delinquency case, and including from an order sealing the record pursuant to R.C. 2952.31, et seq., the prosecutor shall send a notice of the appeal to the Appellate Division of the Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office via United States mail or by sending an electronic copy to pdgeneral@cuyahogacounty.us. The fact of service to the Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office shall be included within the certificate of service.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. July 1, 1999; Apr. 1, 2004; July 1, 2012; Aug. 1, 2016; Apr. 9, 2018; Feb. 1, 2019.)

**RULE 4. APPEAL AS OF RIGHT — WHEN TAKEN;
CIV.R. 60(B) REMANDS**

(A) If a motion for relief from judgment or order under Civ.R. 60(B) is pending in the trial court and an appeal from the same judgment is also pending, a party may move this court, for good cause, to remand the matter to the trial court for a ruling on the motion for relief from judgment.

(B) The movant must notify the court of appeals of the trial court's ruling on the motion for relief from judgment within seven days of the order being journalized.

(C) To appeal the ruling on the motion for relief from judgment, a party must file a notice of appeal from that ruling.

(D) Consolidation of the appeals may be ordered under Loc.App.R. 3(C).

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. Feb. 1, 2019.)

RULE 5. APPEALS BY LEAVE OF COURT IN CRIMINAL CASES

(A) **Motion by Defendant in Delayed Appeal.** When a defendant appeals pursuant to App.R. 5(A), the clerk of court shall serve a copy upon the prosecuting attorney. The prosecuting attorney shall be afforded ten days to respond in writing as to whether the defendant is entitled to a delayed appeal. The defendant may reply to the prosecution's response within seven days.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. Feb. 1, 2019.)

RULE 6. CONCURRENT JURISDICTION IN CRIMINAL ACTIONS

RESERVED

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999.)

RULE 7. STAY OR INJUNCTION PENDING APPEAL

RESERVED

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999.)

RULE 8. BAIL AND SUSPENSION OF EXECUTION IN CRIMINAL CASES

RESERVED

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999.)

**RULE 9. THE RECORD ON APPEAL; PRAECIPE; TRIAL CLERK'S
DUTIES; ABSENCE OF COURT REPORTER**

(A) The appellant must file with the clerk of the trial court, and serve upon each of the parties, the notice of appeal and an attached certificate of service, dated and signed. This does not preclude the clerk of the trial court's requirement to separately serve the parties of record in accord with App.R. 3(E). The appellant must provide the clerk with the original and one copy as well as the necessary number of copies for service if filing in paper form.

(B) Simultaneously with filing the notice of appeal, the appellant must file with the clerk of the trial court, and serve upon each of the parties, a complete praecipe and docketing statement in accord with the form set forth in Appendix A to these local rules. The appellant must also provide the clerk with the original and one copy as well as the necessary number of copies for service if filing in paper form. Otherwise, if filing electronically, appellant may rely on the court's electronic transmission facilities to make service under App.R. 13(C)(6) to any party who is registered for electronic service on the court's electronic filing transmission facilities and does not need to provide any copies.

(C) The clerk of the trial court shall effect the following:

- (1) The prompt service of the notice of appeal, praecipe and docketing statement; and
- (2) The prompt service to the clerk of the court of appeals of a copy of the notice of appeal, and the praecipe and docketing statement with the filing fee.

(D) In transmitting the record, the clerk of the trial court shall:

- (1) Include on the docket sheet [App.R. 10(B)], the filing date and a brief description of each of the documents filed in the trial court;
- (2) Ascertain that the journal entries have been signed by the judge and file-stamped; and
- (3) Neatly assemble the original papers.

(E) The clerk of the trial court shall not transmit any trial exhibits consisting of weapons, ammunition, money, drugs, or any contraband, unless a majority of the members of the panel of the court of appeals assigned to hear the appeal issue a journal entry instructing the clerk to inform the custodian to make the retained exhibits available to the court for review on a date and at a time specified in the entry.

A single member of the panel may issue a journal entry instructing the clerk of the trial court to inform the custodian to make the retained exhibits available for that judge's review at the secure area maintained by the custodian. Regardless of the location of the court's review, the custodian shall be present at all times and shall retain custody of the item(s) specified herein. After the court has concluded its review, the custodian shall return the specified item(s) forthwith to the appropriate secure area in accordance with established procedure. On the pagination sheet, the clerk shall identify the retained exhibits and their custodian.

(F) App.R. 9(B) describes a court reporter as "the person appointed by the court to transcribe the proceedings * * *." When a reporter is used to transcribe the events at trial, the record must reflect that reporter's appointment by the trial court. The court may make this appointment sua sponte or on motion. If an official court reporter is not then under contract to the court, then the trial court shall appoint a professional court reporter on a case-by-case basis.

(G) Any transcript of proceedings filed in support of an appeal shall consist of the original transcript as created by the official court reporter designated by the trial court under App.R. 9(B)(2). No party is permitted to file a copy of a transcript, which is hereby defined as not the original transcript created by the official court reporter, unless leave of court is requested and granted by this court. Any copy of a transcript may be sua sponte stricken by this court.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. July 1, 1999; June 1, 2004; Feb. 1, 2019.)

RULE 10. TRANSMISSION OF THE RECORD

It is the duty of the appellant to do the following timely: (1) file a praecipe and docketing statement as provided in Loc.App.R. 9; and (2) cooperate with the clerk of the trial court to secure the transmission of the docket and journal entries and to effect the transmission of the record, including a transcript if applicable, on appeal.

If the appellant fails to timely perform these duties, then the court may, without prior notice, dismiss the appeal for failure to prosecute.

Extensions of time to transmit the record to this court may be granted only by the court of appeals. Applications for extension of time to transmit the record must be made by written motion and must be accompanied by one or more affidavits setting forth facts showing good cause for extension.

Cases dismissed under this rule will be reinstated only for good cause shown.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. Feb. 1, 2019.)

**RULE 11. DOCKETING OF APPEALS FROM TRIAL COURT ELECTRONIC
FILING SYSTEMS IN ASBESTOS CASES**

(A) **Appeals In Asbestos Cases.** When an asbestos case has been processed at the trial level under a court-ordered or court approved electronic filing system, the parties shall facilitate the docketing of an appeal in this court. The appeal will be assigned to the regular calendar. The documents to be transmitted on appeal will include:

- (1) Any documents or exhibits originally filed in the trial court in hardcopy (paper) format;
- (2) Signed and journalized copies of the final appealable orders upon which the appeal is based; and
- (3) Stipulated paper copies of the electronic trial court filings that the parties deem necessary to provide a record for appellate review.

The appellant is responsible for providing the appropriate record, but all parties shall affirmatively cooperate to assist the clerk of the trial court in obtaining and transmitting an agreed record.

(B) **Procedure.** It is a standing order of this court that an appeal under this rule will proceed in accordance with the applicable provisions of App.R. 9(E) and 10(E), and that the parts of the electronic record not necessary for transmittal to this court of appeals shall be retained in the trial court pending further order.

- (1) Responsibilities of Appellant. The appellant shall create a supplemental record pursuant to App.R. 9(E) by providing the clerk of the trial court with paper copies of any electronic filings that the parties deem necessary for review on appeal and pursuant to the following schedule:
 - (a) Within 21 days of filing the notice of appeal, the appellant shall serve upon appellee a proposed stipulation that designates the trial court filings believed necessary for a full and fair review by the court of appeals;
 - (b) Within 14 days after the proposed stipulation is provided to the appellee, the appellant shall file with the clerk of the court of appeals a written stipulation by the parties to the appeal that

designates the agreed filings believed necessary for transmittal to the court of appeals; if appellee fails to timely respond, the designation shall be filed by the appellant with certification that the filing complies with section (1)(a) of this rule.

(c) Within five days thereafter, the appellant shall file with the clerk of the trial court a copy of the stipulation of the agreed filings, the neatly assembled photocopies of each stipulated electronic filing, as well as the signed and journalized entry from the trial court for each order on appeal. Simultaneously, the appellant shall draft and file a praecipe directing the clerk to certify and transmit the stipulated papers as a supplemental record on appeal pursuant to App.R. 9(E) and within the time requirements of App.R. 10.

(2) Provisions Applicable to Appellants and Appellees.

(a) All parties to the appeal shall make a timely and good faith effort to confer and agree to a reasonable stipulation of the filings necessary to comprise the record on appeal and shall assist one another in providing copies of the filings for the clerk of the trial court to certify and transmit to the clerk of the court of appeals.

(b) In cases involving numerous parties, each side shall cooperate to designate, by motion filed in this court, one or more attorneys as liaison counsel who agree to receive and disseminate appellate filings from opposing counsel and notices from the clerk of the court of appeals. The liaison counsel shall be responsible for promptly distributing copies electronically, or in such manner as agreed by the parties, to all co-parties, which service will constitute due notice. The parties with a common interest must try to prepare a common brief as set forth in Loc.App.R. 3(C)(1). Each side shall notify this court by motion at least seven days prior to oral argument to designate the counsel chosen to present oral argument.

(c) If necessary to resolve differences regarding procedure on appeal, a party may file a motion for a prehearing conference pursuant to Loc.App.R. 20. The motion must include an attached affidavit that, after personal consultation and sincere attempts to resolve differences, the parties are unable to reach an accord. This statement shall recite those matters that remain in dispute and a detailed recitation of the efforts that have been made to resolve any such dispute.

(d) Upon its own motion or a party's motion, the court of appeals may modify any provision of this rule in a particular case.

(Adopted eff. Aug. 1, 2005; amended eff. Jan. 1, 201; Feb. 1, 2019.)

RULE 11.1. ACCELERATED CALENDAR

Under App.R. 11.1, this court's accelerated calendar will operate as follows:

(A) Assignment Of Cases To Accelerated Calendar. The court may assign an appeal to the accelerated or regular calendar at any stage of the proceedings.

- (1) An appeal may be assigned to the accelerated calendar if any of the following applies:
 - (a) No transcript is required (e.g., summary judgment or judgment on the pleadings); or
 - (b) The transcript and all other evidentiary materials consist of 100 or fewer pages.
- (2) An appeal will not be assigned to the accelerated calendar if any of the following applies:
 - (a) A brief in excess of 15 pages (see Loc.App.R. 16) is necessary to adequately set forth the facts and argue the issues in the case;
 - (b) The appeal concerns a unique issue of law of substantial precedential value in determining similar cases;
 - (c) The appeal concerns multiple or complex issues;
 - (d) A cross-appeal is filed; or
 - (e) A statement is submitted under App.R. 9(C).

(B) Procedure.

- (1) Each appellant and cross-appellant must complete a praecipe and docketing statement form required by Loc.App.R. 9 (*see* Appendix A for Praecipe and Docketing Statement Form). This form allows the court to determine whether an appeal will be assigned to the

accelerated or regular calendar and the suitability of the appeal for a prehearing mediation conference.

- (2) If the appellee objects to the assignment of the appeal requested by the appellant on the praecipe and docketing statement form, appellee may move the court under App.R. 15(B) to assign the appeal to the calendar not requested by appellant.
- (3) A party desiring an oral argument must request it in accordance with Loc.App.R. 21. If waiver of argument is subsequently desired, then the parties must file a joint motion waiving the argument at least 14 days before the date scheduled for oral argument.
- (4) If an appeal is assigned to the accelerated calendar, then:
 - (a) The appellant must cause the record to be filed within 20 days after the filing of the notice of appeal;
 - (b) The appellant must serve and file a brief and assignments of error within 15 days after the record is filed;
 - (c) The appellee must serve and file an answer brief, if any, within 15 days after service of appellant's brief;
 - (d) The court will not accept any reply brief by appellant; and
 - (e) Neither brief may exceed 15 pages.
- (5) In its discretion, the court may issue "judgment entry — accelerated calendar" or a full opinion. (*See* App.R. Form 3).
- (6) Upon motion for good cause shown, the court may order a case to be expedited as to transmission of the record, briefing, hearing, and disposition on such schedule and priority as the court may direct.

See App.R. Form 3 for Judgment Entry — Accelerated Docket.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. July 1, 1999; Feb. 1, 2019; July 1, 2022.)

RULE 12. DETERMINATION AND JUDGMENT ON APPEAL

RESERVED

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999.)

RULE 13.1. ELECTRONIC FILING (E-FILING)

(A) **Electronic Filing Required.** In accordance with App.R. 13 any document to be filed in an appeal or original proceeding before the Eighth District Court of Appeals shall be filed with the clerk electronically, except as otherwise provided for in this rule. Such filing shall be in a digitized format specified by the clerk pursuant to the Cuyahoga County Clerk of Court's electronic filing procedure, and this court's local rules and administrative order(s) regarding electronic filing. The clerk of courts is directed to accept any paper filing that is presented. However, the court may strike such filing and require that it be filed electronically if it is found to be in contravention of this rule.

- (1) Electronic Filing of the Notice of Appeal. If the trial court is the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court - General Division, the appellant may file the notice of appeal electronically in accordance with the clerk's electronic filing procedures. If the trial court is a court other than the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court - General Division, the appellant may file the notice of appeal in paper form or electronically if that trial court has a procedure for accepting such a filing electronically. If filed in paper form, the clerk will scan this document into an approved electronic format promptly upon receipt.
- (2) Format of Electronically Filed (e-filed) Documents. All electronically filed documents shall be formatted in accordance with the applicable appellate and local rules governing formatting of paper filings. E-filed documents, including attachments, shall be filed in searchable, but not editable, PDF format. External electronic links, to material outside the filed document, are strictly prohibited. Internal links to other parts of the same filing are permissible.
- (3) Documents Filed Under Seal. Documents filed under seal shall not be filed electronically or scanned by the clerk into electronic format nor uploaded to the court's case management system. The clerk shall maintain all documents filed under seal in this court in paper form only.
- (4) Filing Documents in Paper Form. An attorney wishing to file a specific document, or all documents in a given case, in paper form rather than electronically may file a motion requesting leave to so file. The motion for leave itself may be filed in paper form and

shall set forth the exceptional circumstances justifying the request.

- (5) Pro Se Litigants. Parties who are not represented by counsel are hereby given leave to file documents in paper form.
- (6) Scanning and Uploading Paper Documents. Except for documents filed under seal, any document filed in paper form will be scanned and uploaded to the clerk of court's e-filing system. The uploaded electronic document shall constitute the original document.

(B) **Date and Time of Electronic Filing.** Any document filed electronically shall be considered as filed with the court when the transmission to the court's authorized electronic filing system is complete. An electronic filing may be submitted to the clerk 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Any document filed after 11:59 p.m. in the time-zone then applicable to the court, either Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Savings Time, shall be deemed to have been filed at 8:30 a.m. on the next court business day. Any document filed on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday shall be deemed to have been filed at 8:30 a.m. on the next court business day.

- (1) Rejection or Acceptance of Electronically Filed Documents. The clerk shall reject any filing that:
 - (a) is not signed by the party;
 - (b) is not in a digitized format approved by the clerk;
 - (c) is not accompanied by a required payment; or
 - (d) requires a judge's signature.

The clerk will notify the filer when a filing has been accepted or rejected for docketing and filing in the court's case management system. Each document filed will receive an electronic stamp containing the date and time the filer transmitted the document to the court's authorized electronic filing system as well as a unique confirmation number of the filing. If the clerk rejects or otherwise cannot successfully process a filing, it will not receive a file stamp or confirmation number.

- (2) Corrective Filings. To retain the original date and time of filing, a corrective filing may be resubmitted to the clerk within one business day after notice of the rejection is sent to the filer. A

corrective filing submitted after the one-day period expires will be considered a new filing.

- (3) System or User Filing Errors. If a party attempts to file a document electronically and the document is not accepted for docketing and filing on the court's case management system because of an error in the transmission of the document to the electronic filing system, the court may, upon satisfactory proof, enter an order permitting the document to be filed nunc pro tunc to the date it was sent electronically.
- (4) Fees. Normal filing fees and case deposits will be collected via user credit card or debit card, or such other method as may be approved by the clerk, at the time the document that requires such a fee or deposit is filed.

(C) **Service of Orders and Other Papers by Clerk.** Registered users of the Court's e-Filing System consent to receiving electronic service of papers, including notices, orders, and other documents in lieu of other methods of service, unless otherwise provided by law. For registered users of the Court's e-Filing System, the Court shall issue, and the Clerk shall journalize, and serve notices, orders, and other documents electronically.

(D) **Service by Parties.** Service of documents filed electronically shall be accomplished in the manner prescribed by the appellate rules. *See* App.R. 3 and 13. Parties are authorized to rely on the court's electronic transmission facilities to make service under App.R. 13(C)(6) to any party who is registered for electronic service on the court's electronic filing transmission facilities, however, a paper copy of any electronically filed document must be served in accordance with App.R. 13(C)(1)-(5) upon any party who is not registered for electronic filing on the court's transmission facilities and is therefore not registered for electronic service.

- (1) Time to Respond or Act. Whenever a time period is measured from the time after a document is filed, the time will be measured from the date the electronically filed document is deemed to have been filed.

(E) **Maintenance of Source Documents.** The person filing a document electronically shall maintain an exact copy of the source document upon which the electronic filing was based, either in an unalterable electronic format or on paper. The filing person shall retain this source document until final disposition of the case and through any appeal period. The filing person shall make the source document or a facsimile thereof available for production at the request of the court, the clerk, other counsel or parties representing themselves.

(F) **Signatures of Parties and Counsel.** The signature of an attorney or a party on a document that is filed electronically shall be represented with a conformed signature of “/s/ [name].” The conformed signature on an electronically filed document is a legal signature for purposes of the signature requirements of the civil and criminal rules of procedure, the rules of superintendence, and any other law, and will be considered the signature of the person it purports to be for all purposes. *See App.R. 13(A)(1).* When a stipulation or other document requires two or more signatures, the filing party or attorney will confirm in writing that the contents of the document are acceptable to all persons required to sign the document. The filer will indicate the agreement of all necessary parties at the appropriate place in the document, usually, the signature line(s). If it is established that the documents were transmitted without authority, the court shall order the filing stricken.

- (1) Signature of Third Parties. Documents containing signatures of third parties, including signatures of notaries public, shall be scanned as an image and filed electronically. The filing party shall retain the original document in paper form until final disposition of the case and through any appeal period. The filing person shall make the original document available for production and copying at the request of the court, the clerk, other counsel, or other parties representing themselves

(G) **Public Access to Electronically Filed Documents.** Members of the public may obtain copies of or review electronically filed documents at the office of the clerk of courts in accordance with the procedures established by the clerk. Public access to electronically filed public documents will be available via the internet website of the clerk of courts in accordance with the court’s rules regarding privacy and confidentiality (*See Loc.App.R. 13.2 and this court’s administrative orders that may be applicable.*)

(Adopted eff. Dec. 2, 2013; amended eff. Aug. 1, 2016; Nov. 1, 2023)

RULE 13.2. PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

(A) **Court Records Publicly Available.** Court records are presumed to be open for public access. Sup.R. 45(A). Except as provided below, all documents filed with the clerk of this court will be available for public viewing by direct access at the office of the clerk and, in some instances, remotely via electronic transmission and the internet.

(B) Personal and Private Information.

- (1) “Personal and Private” Information Defined. The following information is deemed “personal and private” and shall not be included in any unsealed document filed with this court:
 - (a) a social security number or other personal identifier, including but not limited to an employer identification number or a driver’s license number;
 - (b) a financial account number, including but not limited to bank account numbers and credit and debit card numbers;
 - (c) a juvenile’s name in any appeal, except for the juvenile’s initials, or a generic term or abbreviation such as “child,” however, this does not apply to juveniles who have been bound over to the court of common pleas and convicted of criminal charges. To the extent reference to another person is likely to reveal the identity of the juvenile, that person should also be identified by a generic term or initials; and
 - (d) the name of the victim of a sexual offense, except for the victim’s initials or a generic term or abbreviation such as “Victim 1” or “V1.” To the extent reference to another person is likely to reveal the identity of the victim of a sexual offense, that person should also be identified by a generic term or initials.
 - (e) any other information deemed personal and private by any federal or state constitution, statute, regulation, executive order, or court ruling (e.g., privacy rules under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”), Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) income tax filings, etc.).
- (2) Parties’ and Counsel’s Responsibilities Regarding Personal and Private Information. Filing parties and their counsel are responsible for removing personal and private information from any document they file with the clerk of court’s office, or redacting the information in accordance with the procedure described in subparagraph four below. This responsibility extends to and includes any exhibits or addenda attached to filings such as bank statements, tax returns, or medical records. *The clerk of court is not responsible for the removal of any personal and private information contained in a document filed with the clerk.*

- (3) Correction of Improperly Filed Personal and Private Information. If personal and private information is improperly included in a filing, either the party who filed the information or the person whose information is disclosed may move the court for leave to replace the filed document with an identical document with the personal and private information removed or redacted in accordance with the procedure outlined in subparagraph 4 below. The proposed replacement document shall be attached to the motion. If the court grants the motion, then the clerk will file-stamp the replacement document, replace the originally filed document with the replacement document, and remove the originally filed document from the electronic docket. The clerk will also include a notation of this action on the docket.
- (4) Redaction. In lieu of removing all personal and private information from a document to be filed with the court, a party may redact the document, replacing the personal and private information with references that correlate to specific personal and private information. The parties may, without leave of court, file under seal a Personal Identifier Form that consists of a correspondence table or key that will allow the court to identify the referenced personal and private information. The Personal Identifier Form shall be filed in a separate envelope and conspicuously marked as follows:
- “NOTICE: The enclosed personal and private information is non-public. It is for the use of the court, the attorneys of record listed in the case, and the clerk of court’s office only. Any other person must have a court order to view the contents of this envelope.”**
- (5) Journal Entries Containing Personal and Private Information. If a journal entry necessarily includes personal and private information, the court will submit the entry to the clerk in two separate formats. One copy will include the personal and private information and will be retained by the clerk under seal. The other copy will have the personal and private information removed or redacted, will include the notation “personal and private information redacted,” and will be placed in the public file. Both copies will be signed by the court. If the court inadvertently files a journal entry that contains personal and private information, any party may move the court to redact the information from the copy of the journal entry that is placed in the public file. If the court grants this motion, the redacted

journal entry will be filed as a nunc pro tunc entry. The original non-redacted entry will be retained by the clerk under seal.

(C) **Documents Filed Under Seal.** The clerk of courts shall not allow public access, either by direct access or remotely, to any document that has been filed under seal except by order of court.

(D) **Restricted Public Access.** Any party may move the court to restrict public access of a filed document to direct access only. While this motion is pending, the clerk will not make the document available electronically. The court will restrict public access to direct access only, if it finds by clear and convincing evidence that the presumption of allowing public access is outweighed by a greater interest after considering the following:

- (1) whether public policy is served by restricting public access;
- (2) whether any federal, state, or common law exempts the document or information from public access;
- (3) whether factors that support restriction of public access exist, including risk of injury to persons, individual privacy rights and interests, proprietary business information, public safety, and fairness of the adjudicatory process.

When restricting public access to direct access only, the court will use the least restrictive means available. *See* Sup.R. 45.

***NOTE:** any information available electronically must match the document available directly at the clerk's office. Sup.R. 45(C). Therefore, the clerk may not post a redacted document, but retain the non-redacted original for public viewing at the clerk's office.*

(E) **Requests for Restricted Public Access by a Nonparty.** A non-party may move the court to restrict public access to information concerning that person in a court document at any time. Upon the movant's request, the court may order the clerk not to make the subject document available electronically during the pendency of the motion. In determining whether to grant the request, the court will apply the same standards it applies to a party's request pursuant to paragraph D above.

(Adopted eff. Dec. 2, 2013; amended eff. Jan. 1, 2015; Aug. 1, 2016; Mar. 29, 2017; Feb. 1, 2019.)

RULE 13.3. JUDGE'S ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

Electronic documents may be signed by a judge or magistrate via an electronic signature as defined by R.C. 1306.01, affixed through a secure process approved by the court. An electronic signature will be represented as a digitized image of the judge's or magistrate's handwritten signature.

All documents signed in this manner shall have the same force and effect as if the judge or magistrate had affixed his or her signature to a paper copy of the document. Electronic submission of such an electronically signed document to the clerk of court by an authorized member of the court's staff shall constitute the filing of the document for all purposes, including, but not limited to, the Rules of Superintendence and the Ohio Appellate Rules.

(Adopted eff. July 30, 2014; amended eff. Feb. 1, 2019.)

RULE 14. COMPUTATION AND EXTENSION OF TIME

An appellant desiring an extension of time to file the record, assignments of error, briefs, or any other document shall file a written motion for an extension of time with supporting brief or affidavit setting forth good cause for the extension before the due date to avoid dismissal of the case.

An appellee desiring an extension of time to file additional designation of the record, briefs, or any other documents shall file a written motion for an extension of time with supporting brief or affidavit setting forth good cause for the extension before the due date. (*See App.R. 18(C).*)

Any motion for an extension of time shall include the original due date of the document and the total number of extensions, if any, the party has been granted to date. If a request for an extension of time has been granted previously, any subsequent request must be supported by facts that demonstrate why additional time is necessary, and the request will be granted only in exceptional circumstances and in the interest of justice.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. July 1, 2012; July 15, 2013; Feb. 1, 2019; July 1, 2022.)

RULE 15. MOTIONS

RESERVED

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999.)

RULE 16. BRIEFS

(A) **Length and Form.** All briefs filed in this court must comply with the requirements of App.R. 16 and 19.

- (1) Appeal Involving No Cross-Appeal. In the absence of a cross-appeal, the appellant's opening brief and the appellee's answering brief must each not exceed 40 pages, and the appellant's reply brief, if any, must not exceed ten pages.
- (2) Appeal Involving Single Cross-Appeal. If a single cross-appeal has been filed, there shall be a total of four briefs, each containing only one cover, one table of contents, and one table of authorities and conforming to the following requirements:

(a) Appellant's Opening Brief. The first brief is the appellant's opening brief, which shall address only those issues related to the appellant's appeal and must not exceed 40 pages.

(b) Appellee's Answer Brief / Cross-Appellant's Opening Brief. The second brief is the appellee / cross-appellant's brief, identified on its face as an answer brief and brief in support of the cross-appeal. The table of contents of the brief shall designate which portion of the brief relates to the appeal and which portion relates to the cross-appeal. The portion relating to the appeal must not exceed 40 pages, and the portion relating to the cross-appeal must not exceed an additional 25 pages.

(c) Appellant's Reply Brief / Cross-Appellee's Answer Brief. The third brief is the appellant / cross-appellee's brief, identified on its face as a reply brief in support of the appellant's appeal and an answer brief to the cross-appeal. The table of contents of the brief shall designate which portion of the brief is a reply and which portion relates to the cross-appeal. The portion that is a reply in support of the appeal must not exceed ten pages, and the portion relating to the cross-appeal must not exceed an additional 25 pages. The reply portion of the brief must be restricted to matters in rebuttal to the answer portion of the second brief.

(d) Cross-Appellant's Reply Brief. The cross-appellant may file a reply brief in support of the cross-appeal, which must not exceed ten pages. The cross-appellant's reply brief must be restricted to matters in rebuttal to the portion of the third brief addressing the cross-appeal.

- (3) Appeal Involving Multiple Cross-Appeals. If more than one cross-appeal has been filed, the parties shall propose to the court for approval or modification, no less than 20 days before the first brief would otherwise be due, a stipulated briefing order setting page limitations and including other provisions that conform as closely as reasonably possible to the provisions of Loc.App.R. 16(A)(2), but also taking into account the potential need for adjustment to those provisions as necessary to accommodate the multiple issues raised and the parties to whom the issues are directed. In the event the parties cannot agree on a proposed stipulated briefing order, the parties shall adhere to the requirements of Loc.App.R. 16(A)(2), unless the court on motion issues a different briefing order.
- (4) Cross-Appeal(s) Involving Fewer Than All Appellees. In the event of multiple appellees, Loc.App.R. 16(A)(2) and (3) apply only to those cross-appellees who have filed cross-appeals. Any appellee who has not filed a cross-appeal shall follow the length and form requirements of Loc.App.R. 16(A)(1).
- (5) Exclusions from Page Limitation. All page limitations are exclusive of the table of contents, the table of authorities, certificate of service, and any appendices.
- (6) Motion to Exceed Page Limitations. Application for permission to file a longer brief may be made by a motion specifying the number of extra pages requested, the portion of the brief requiring extra pages, and why extra pages are needed.

(B) **Notice of Conceded Error.** When a party concedes an error that is dispositive of the entire appeal, the party conceding the error shall file a separate notice of conceded error in lieu of a responsive brief. Once briefing is completed, the appeal will be randomly assigned to a merit panel for review. The appeal will be considered submitted on the briefs unless the assigned panel sets an oral argument date.

(C) **Case Citation.** Citation to authority in a brief shall be included in the body text of the brief, except when the citation supports a proposition made in a footnote, and shall conform to the manual of citation issued by the Supreme Court of Ohio's Reporter of Decisions that may be found at <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov>.

(D) **Unnecessary Attachments of Legal Authority Disfavored.** Parties are discouraged from attaching to briefs any legal authority generally accessible through online legal research databases. Only if the determination of the

assignments of error presented requires consideration of legal authority not accessible through any online resources shall the relevant parts be reproduced in an attachment or appendix at the end of the brief.

(E) Failure To Comply. A brief not prepared in accordance with these rules and the formalities mandated by App.R. 16 and 19 may result in the brief being stricken and the court ordering that an amended brief complying with the rules be filed by a specified date. An appellant's failure to conform may result in dismissal of the appeal; a cross-appellant's failure to conform may result in dismissal of the cross-appeal; and an appellee's / cross-appellee's failure to conform may result in the brief being stricken and the right to argue being denied.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. Feb. 1, 2006; Jan. 1, 2010; Jan. 19, 2010; July 30, 2014; Feb. 1, 2019.)

RULE 17. BRIEF OF AN AMICUS CURIAE

RESERVED

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999.)

RULE 18. FILING AND SERVICE OF BRIEFS; CROSS-APPEALS; CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE

(A) Cross-Appeals.

- (1) A cross-appellant must serve and file the appellee's brief and the cross-appellant's brief within 20 days after service of the appellant's brief. The appellee's brief and the cross-appellant's brief must be filed as a single document.
- (2) The cross-appellee must serve and file the cross-appellee's brief and may serve and file an appellant's reply brief within 20 days after service of the cross-appellant's brief. The cross-appellee's brief and the appellant's reply brief must be filed as a single document.
- (3) The cross-appellant may serve and file a reply brief within ten days after service of the cross-appellee's brief.

(B) Failure To File. If the record, assignments of error, or brief of appellant has not been timely filed, then the appeal will be dismissed. A motion for

reconsideration may be filed under App.R. 26(A)(1). (See App.R. 3(A), 4(A), 11(C) and 18(C).)

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. July 20, 2010.)

RULE 19. FORM OF BRIEFS AND OTHER PAPERS

(A) Form of Brief.

- (1) **Reproduction.** A brief may be reproduced by any process that yields an image with clear black text in at least 12 point type when printed. This applies to both e-filed documents and those submitted in paper form. E-filed briefs shall be filed in searchable, but not editable, PDF format.
- (2) **Paper Size, Line Spacing, and Margins.** The brief must be formatted to fit on 8 ½ by 11 inch paper when printed. Text must be doubled-spaced between lines, except quotations more than three lines long may be indented and single-spaced. Headings and footnotes may be single-spaced but must be at least 12-point font. Margins must be at least one inch on all four sides.
- (3) **Typeface and Type Style.** The body of the brief must be set in a plain, legible typeface. The preferred font type is “Georgia.” The style of the brief should be set in a plain, roman style, although italics and boldface may be used for emphasis. Case names must be italicized or underlined.

(B) Other Papers. The requirements contained above also apply to other papers filed in the court, including but not limited to motions, applications for reconsideration, and applications for en banc consideration.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. Feb. 1, 2019.)

RULE 20. MEDIATION CONFERENCE

The following procedures and requirements apply to mediation conferences held in the Eighth District Court of Appeals.

(A) Cases Eligible for Mediation.

- (1) **General.** The court has discretion to encourage parties to use mediation in any civil appeal or original action filed in this court.
- (2) **Exceptions.** Mediation is prohibited in the following:
 - (a) As an alternative to prosecution or adjudication of domestic violence;
 - (b) In determining whether to grant, modify, or terminate a protection order;
 - (c) In determining the terms and conditions of a protection order;
 - (d) In determining the penalty for violation of a protection order.
- (3) Nothing in this division shall prohibit the use of mediation in a subsequent divorce or custody case, even though that case may result in the termination of the provisions of a protection order; or in a juvenile court delinquency case, even though the case involves juvenile-perpetrated domestic violence.

(B) Purposes of Mediation Conference. The primary purpose is to explore settlement possibilities through mediation. Additionally, any other matters that the mediator determines may aid in handling the disposition of the proceedings will be considered.

(C) Scheduling. The court's mediation attorney shall review the notice of appeal, the trial court's judgment from which the appeal is taken, and the praecipe and docketing statement in all civil and administrative appeals to determine whether a mediation conference will be scheduled.

Mandamus actions involving compliance with R.C. 149.43, Ohio's Public Records Act, may be referred to the mediation program by the assigned panel.

In addition, any party may request mediation by contacting the court mediator or by written motion to the court. Such requests may be made confidentially if the requesting party desires. Such requests should be submitted as soon as possible after initiation of the appeal or original action. Requests for a mediation may or may not be granted by the court. Also, the court may, in its discretion, order the parties to mediate any action before the court at any stage in the proceedings.

- (1) **Notice.** If a mediation is scheduled, the court will notify the attorneys, or the parties if unrepresented, of the date, time and location of the mediation. Mediations will be held within 21 days after the filing of the notice of appeal or complaint, or as soon thereafter as practicable.
- (2) **Mediation Form.** Within ten days of receiving notice of the scheduled mediation, counsel for the appellant and appellee or self-represented individuals must complete and return the confidential mediation form to the court mediator. (This form will not be filed with the Clerk of Courts for the Court of Appeals but rather sent directly to the Office of the Conference Mediator.) The confidential mediation form, along with the instructions for completing and submitting the form, are found on the court's website at <http://appeals.cuyahogacounty.us>. The mediation attorney will not disclose this form or its contents to the other parties, unless the submitting party consents to such disclosure.

(D) **Attendance.** Unless otherwise instructed by the court, the following persons must attend the mediation conference in person: counsel of record for each party as well as the parties. If a party to the action does not have full authority to settle, then a person with authority to settle the case up to the stated demand shall attend the mediation. "Counsel," for purposes of this rule, means the attorney with primary responsibility for the case and upon whose advice the party relies.

(E) **Uniform Mediation Act.** The R.C. 2710 "Uniform Mediation Act" (UMA), is incorporated by reference and adopted by this court through this local rule.

(F) **Privileged Communications and Confidentiality.**

- (1) The definitions contained in R.C. 2710.01 apply to the mediation. The privileges contained in R.C. 2710.03 and the exceptions contained in R.C. 2710.05 apply to mediation communications. The privileges may be waived under R.C. 2710.04. Mediation communications are also confidential, and no one shall disclose any of these communications unless all parties and the mediator consent to such disclosure in writing. This court may impose sanctions for any improper disclosures made in violation of this rule.
- (2) All mediation communications are confidential with the following exceptions:
 - (a) Parties may share all mediation communications with their attorneys or vice versa.

(b) The mediator shall inform the court or report to the proper authorities certain information, including the following:

- (i) Allegations of abuse or neglect of a child or other individual as required by the law;
- (ii) Certain threats of harm to other people or oneself;
- (iii) Statements made during the mediation process to plan or hide an ongoing crime;
- (iv) Statements made during the mediation process that reveal a felony.

(G) Prehearing Conference. The court's mediation attorney may set cases for prehearing conferences under App.R. 20 in order to simplify the issues in an appeal or original action if a settlement is not possible or for case management purposes. The UMA, which applies to mediations, does not apply to prehearing conferences.

(H) Noncompliance Sanctions. If a party or attorney fails to comply with the provisions of this rule or the provisions of the mediation conference order, the administrative judge or the merit panel, as applicable, may hold a party in contempt and/or assess reasonable expenses caused by the failure, including attorney fees. The court may also assess all or a portion of the appellate costs or dismiss the appeal or original action.

(I) Referral to Resources. The court administrator as well as the court's mediation office shall maintain resources for mediation parties, including victims and suspected victims of domestic violence, encouraging appropriate referrals to legal counsel and other support services such as Children Services, domestic violence prevention, counseling, substance abuse, and mental health services.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. Aug. 1, 2016; Mar. 29, 2017; Feb. 1, 2019; Dec. 28, 2020; July 1, 2022.)

RULE 21. ORAL ARGUMENT

(A) **Oral Argument Procedure.** A case will only be set for oral argument if a party requests it. A party may request oral argument by including the words “ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED” prominently on the cover page of the appellant or appellee’s initial brief or the appellant’s reply brief and by designating their preferred forum (i.e., “IN PERSON ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED” or “REMOTE ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED”). If any party requests oral argument, the case will be scheduled for oral argument for all parties in person unless the requirements for remote oral argument have been complied with per section (E) below.

- (1) The court shall notify each counsel (or party if not represented by counsel) of the time and place of oral argument and manner (in person or remote) through the court’s electronic transmission facilities (or by postcard if the party is not represented by counsel and not utilizing e-filing system). Notice of the court’s oral argument schedule will be published in the *Daily Legal News* and posted on the court’s website under Court Calendar at <https://appeals.cuyahogacounty.gov/>.
- (2) If no party to an appeal requests oral argument, the court will submit the case to a panel for decision and the parties will be notified of the date on which the case is submitted.
- (3) The court may, sua sponte, schedule a case for oral argument at which all persons otherwise permitted to argue shall appear and present oral argument. The court may limit oral argument to specific issues.

(B) **Time Allowed for Argument.** Each side will be allowed 15 minutes for oral argument, including appellant’s requested rebuttal time (if any), but may move to expand the time for good cause. This request must be filed by separate motion at the time the party’s brief is filed. If there is more than one appellant or appellee, they must divide the 15 minutes absent an order granting additional time.

(C) **Waiver of Argument.** After an oral argument has been requested by a party or scheduled by the court, any party wishing to waive the argument shall file a motion to waive oral argument. This motion will not automatically result in cancellation of the scheduled argument. Oral argument will take place at the scheduled date and time unless the court grants the motion to waive.

- (1) Motion to Waive Oral Argument. A party may file a motion to waive oral argument no less than ten calendar days before the date scheduled for argument. If a non-moving party wishes to be heard at argument despite the opposing party’s motion to waive,

the argument will proceed with the non-moving party arguing to the court alone unless the non-moving party files a motion to also waive argument within five calendar days of the moving party's motion to waive argument.

- (2) Untimely Motions. A motion to waive filed less than ten calendar days before oral argument may only be granted by unanimous consent of the assigned merit panel.

(D) Postponing or Advancing Argument.

- (1) Procedure. Counsel who anticipate being unavailable for oral argument in a pending appeal at any time after briefing is completed but before argument is scheduled must advise the Assignment Commissioner of their unavailability in writing. The notice shall be in letter format, addressed to the Assignment Commissioner, Ohio Court of Appeals, Eighth Appellate District, 1 West Lakeside Avenue, Room 202, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, and shall include the case caption, the appellate case number, and the dates on which counsel anticipates being unavailable for oral argument. The letter may be delivered to the Assignment Commissioner by U.S. Mail, personal delivery, or via email to assign@8thappeals.com.
- (2) Cases Scheduled for Argument. Once oral argument has been scheduled and notice has been provided, a case will not be advanced or postponed on motion of a party except for good cause shown. Any motion to advance or postpone an oral argument, or a motion objecting to same, should indicate the movant's as well as the nonmovant's preferred forum — via remote technology or in person. Notwithstanding a party's preference, the court, in its discretion, may reschedule the oral argument via videoconferencing per Loc.App.R. 21(E)(1).

(E) Remote Oral Argument Forum.

- (1) In its discretion, the court reserves the right to hold oral arguments remotely via videoconferencing or telephonically.
- (2) If both parties request remote oral argument on the cover page of their briefs, oral argument will be held by remote technology. If only one party requests remote oral argument and no other preferred forum is requested by a party, oral argument will be held by remote technology. If parties disagree as to the preferred forum, the party requesting remote oral argument must file a motion no later than 10 days after the reply brief is filed and set forth reasons for remote argument in lieu of in-person oral

argument. The selection of the forum will be determined by the merit panel.

- (3) Absent an emergency, the court will not consider untimely motions for remote argument. The court will make every effort to accommodate any COVID-related or other health concerns, assuming the court receives notification as soon as possible but, absent an emergency, not less than 14 days before the hearing.
- (4) When a self-represented litigant is imprisoned and timely complies with paragraph (A) above, the court will schedule the oral argument to be held by remote technology. All litigants shall appear in the same remote format as self-represented imprisoned litigants (i.e., by videoconferencing or telephonically). A self-represented litigant who is imprisoned may move to waive the oral argument in compliance with paragraph (C) of this rule. Failure of the self-represented litigant to appear at the scheduled oral argument will result in the matter being submitted on the briefs unless the court orders otherwise.

(F) Precedence of Oral Argument. If counsel of record on an appeal has an assignment, including but not limited to pretrial or trial proceedings, before any municipal court or court of common pleas that conflicts with an oral argument scheduled before the Eighth District Court of Appeals, the oral argument assignment before the Eighth District Court of Appeals takes precedence.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. July 1, 1999; Dec. 11, 2013; July 30, 2014; Feb. 1, 2019; Mar. 1, 2022; Nov. 1, 2023; July 1, 2024.)

RULE 22. ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

(A) Journalization. This court will file the journal entry and opinion or any other dispositive entry with the clerk of this court for journalization as of the date of its release.

(B) Remand and Dismissal Orders.

- (1) An order of remand shall contain a specific description of the basis for the remand and shall state the date upon which the record is to be returned to the clerk of this court.

- (2) The clerk of this court shall serve, upon the trial court judge and the administrative judge of the trial court, any order of this court that remands an appeal for correction of the record under App.R. 9(E) or dismisses an appeal for lack of a final appealable order.

(C) **Form of Opinions.** Opinions of this court will not identify or make reference by proper name to the trial judge, magistrates, court officials, administrative personnel, or counsel for the parties involved in the proceedings below unless such reference is essential to clarify or explain the role of such person in the course of said proceedings.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; July 26, 2000; amended eff. July 20, 2010; Feb. 1, 2019.)

RULE 23. FRIVOLOUS ACTIONS; VEXATIOUS LITIGATORS; SANCTIONS

(A) If the Eighth District Court of Appeals, sua sponte or on motion by a party, determines that an appeal, original action, or motion is frivolous or is prosecuted for delay, harassment, or any other improper purpose, it may impose on the person who signed the appeal, original action, or motion, a represented party, or both, appropriate sanctions. The sanctions may include an award to the opposing party of reasonable expenses, reasonable attorney fees, costs or double costs, or any other sanction the Eighth District Court of Appeals considers just. An appeal, original action, or motion shall be considered frivolous if it is not reasonably well-grounded in fact, or warranted by existing law, or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law.

(B) If a party habitually, persistently, and without reasonable cause engages in frivolous conduct under division (A) of this rule, the Eighth District Court of Appeals may, sua sponte or on motion by a party, find the party to be a vexatious litigator. If the Eighth District Court of Appeals determines that a party is a vexatious litigator under this rule, the court may impose filing restrictions on the party. The restrictions may include prohibiting the party from continuing or instituting legal proceedings in the Eighth District Court of Appeals without first obtaining leave, prohibiting the filing of actions in the Eighth District Court of Appeals without the filing fee or security for costs required by Loc.App.R. 3(A), or any other restriction the Eighth District Court of Appeals considers just.

(C) Any party that has been declared a vexatious litigator under R.C. 2323.52 or Loc.App.R. 23 must seek leave of court to proceed with any appeal or original action that is filed in the Eighth District Court of Appeals. The failure to comply with R.C. 2323.52(F)(2) shall result in the dismissal of any appeal or original action as filed by a party that has been declared a vexatious litigator.

(Adopted eff. June 22, 2010; amended eff. Feb. 1, 2019.)

RULES 24 THROUGH 25.1

RESERVED

RULE 26. EN BANC CONSIDERATION

(A) **Scope of Review.** This court shall consider an appeal en banc in accordance with App.R. 26(A)(2) and the procedures set forth in this rule. En banc consideration is not favored.

(B) **Application For En Banc Consideration.** App.R. 26(A)(2) governs parties' applications for en banc consideration. The parties must strictly comply with the time limits of the appellate rule for filing an application, an opposing brief, or a reply brief. The application and opposing brief shall not exceed ten pages. The reply brief shall not exceed five pages. The parties shall electronically file an application, opposing brief, or reply brief in accordance with Loc.App.R. 13.1.

(1) Contents of the Application for En Banc Consideration.

(a) An application for en banc consideration shall include a concise one-paragraph statement of the dispositive point of law upon which the applicant asserts that the panel's decision conflicts with a prior panel's decision of this court.

(b) The application must specifically identify the paragraph(s) of the panel opinion at issue and the paragraph(s) of the prior panel's opinion that conflict on a point of law and explain why en banc is necessary to secure and maintain uniformity of this court's decisions.

(2) Parties seeking both reconsideration and en banc application must file a combined application in a single document that does not exceed ten pages.

(3) The administrative judge may summarily dismiss any application for en banc consideration that does not comply with the requirements of App.R. 26(A)(2) and this local rule.

(C) **Procedure.**

- (1) The court will only accept a case for en banc resolution upon an application of the parties or sua sponte following the journalization and release of a conflicting decision.
- (2) When a majority of the en banc court votes to accept a case for en banc resolution, the administrative judge will issue an order indicating the same.
- (3) Within 10 days of an order designating a case for sua sponte en banc resolution, any party may file a brief not to exceed five pages addressing the resolution of the conflict.
- (4) After a case has been accepted for en banc review, any party may request a remote oral argument via videoconferencing to address the resolution of the conflict, however, oral argument will only be granted at the court's discretion.

(Adopted eff. July 20, 2010; amended eff. Feb. 15, 2011; Feb. 1, 2019; amended eff. Feb. 1, 2024)

RULES 27 THROUGH 33.

RESERVED

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999.)

RULE 34. DESIGNATION OF COURT ADMINISTRATOR AS MAGISTRATE

Pursuant to App.R. 34, the court hereby appoints the court administrator to act as magistrate for the limited purpose of ruling on routine procedural motions. The following are routine procedural motions:

- (A) Amendment of the praecipe;
- (B) Substitution of counsel;
- (C) Unopposed motion to transfer to the accelerated or to the regular docket;
- (D) Voluntary dismissal before hearing;
- (E) The first two extensions of time to file the record, supplemental record, or brief. (On the accelerated docket, however, a routine motion consists of only one extension of 20 days for the record and only one extension of 15 days for the brief.)

(Adopted eff. Apr. 4, 2001; amended eff. Feb. 1, 2005.)

RULE 35. COURT TECHNOLOGY PLAN

In accordance with Superintendence Rule 5(E), the court has adopted and maintains a court technology plan which includes: (A) a comprehensive strategy for implementing and maintaining technology solutions for conducting remote hearings, electronic service, the acceptance of electronic signatures, and any other technology-related solution utilized by the court or division; and (B) procedures for notifying and providing instructions to the public on how to use the technology solutions implemented by the court and how the solutions will comply with any accessibility accommodation requirements, including any applicable requirements of the “Americans with Disabilities Act.” The court's technology plan is available on the court’s website (<http://appeals.cuyahogacounty.us>) and in the court’s administrative office.

(Adopted eff. Nov. 1, 2023)

RULES 36 THROUGH 43.

RESERVED

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999.)

RULE 44. DESIGNATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL; ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

(A) **Designation Of Counsel.** Every notice of appeal, pleading, motion, and brief must contain:

- (1) The number of the case;
- (2) The name of the court;
- (3) The caption of the case;
- (4) The nature of the proceeding (e.g., Appeal; Motion for Reconsideration) and the name of the court, agency, or board below;
- (5) The name, office address, telephone number and email address of counsel representing the party for whom the document is filed or the party, if not represented by counsel;

- (6) The name of a particular attorney primarily responsible for the case when counsel is a firm of attorneys; and
- (7) The attorney registration number issued by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

(B) Withdrawal Of Counsel.

- (1) If counsel desires to withdraw, counsel must:
 - (a) File a notice of withdrawal in this court; and
 - (b) Submit proof of service of the notice upon counsel's client.
- (2) The notice of withdrawal must contain:
 - (a) A showing of good cause for withdrawing; and
 - (b) The name and office address of substitute counsel or, if none, then the name and address of counsel's client.

(C) Admission Pro Hac Vice.

- (1) This court may permit any attorney who is admitted to practice in the highest court of a state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia, or who is admitted to practice in the courts of a foreign state, to appear pro hac vice and file pleadings, memoranda, briefs, or other documents, or participate in oral argument before the court.
- (2) Admission pro hac vice will be allowed only on motion of an attorney admitted to practice in Ohio and registered with the clerk for active status. The motion shall demonstrate compliance with Gov.Bar.R. XII. It may be filed at any time, but no later than with the first pleading or brief in which the attorney seeks to participate or at least 30 days before oral argument if the attorney seeks only to participate in oral argument. The court may withdraw admission pro hac vice at any time.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. July 1, 1999; Feb. 15, 2011; Feb. 1, 2019.)

RULE 45. EXTRAORDINARY WRITS (ORIGINAL ACTIONS)

(A) General.

- (1) The court of appeals has original jurisdiction over the extraordinary writs of Habeas Corpus, Mandamus, Procedendo, Prohibition, and Quo Warranto. Section 3, Article IV, Ohio Constitution.
- (2) In all original actions filed in the Eighth District Court of Appeals, these rules shall govern the procedure and the form of all documents filed in the actions.
- (3) The Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure shall supplement these rules unless clearly inapplicable. Where these rules conflict with the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, these rules shall control.

(B) Parties. The party filing an action in mandamus, prohibition, procedendo, or quo warranto shall be referred to as the relator. Party filing an action in habeas

corpus shall be referred to as the petitioner. The party named in an original action shall be referred to as the respondent.

(C) **Filing Fee And Cost Deposit.** The clerk will not accept an original action for filing unless the party bringing the action deposits with the clerk of courts the sum of \$175.00. Of that sum, \$150.00 will be security for the payment of costs, and \$25.00 is a fee, authorized under R.C. 2501.16(B), for the operation of the court. But the clerk will receive and file the action without the payment of \$175.00:

- (1) If the relator or petitioner files with the clerk a sworn affidavit or affirmation of inability to secure costs by payment; or
- (2) If the requirement of prepayment is otherwise excused by operation of law, e.g., R.C. 109.19 and 325.31(C).

(D) **Procedure.**

(1) Commencing An Action.

(a) Original actions commence with the filing of a verified complaint or petition. Counsel shall file the complaint or petition electronically unless seeking leave to file in paper form in compliance with Loc.App.R. 13.1(A)(4). All documents shall conform to the format requirements of App.R. 19. (*See also* R.C. Chapter 2731 (Mandamus), Chapter 2733 (Quo Warranto), Chapter 2725 (Habeas Corpus)). Pro se litigants are permitted to file the complaint or petition and all subsequent documents electronically or in paper form per Loc.App.R. 13.1(A)(5). If filing in paper form, the verified complaint or petition and all later pleadings must be filed with an original and five copies.

(b) All complaints or petitions shall contain the specific statements of fact upon which the claim of is based and should be supported by an affidavit, specifying the details of the claim. The complaint or petition may include a memorandum in support of the claims. Absent such detail and attachments, the complaint or petition may be subject to dismissal.

(c) Any affidavit shall be made on personal knowledge, setting forth facts admissible in evidence, and demonstrating affirmatively that the affiant is competent to testify to all matters stated in the affidavit.

(d) Except as provided in Loc.App.R. 45(B)(2), the clerk shall issue a summons as well as serve the summons and a copy of the complaint by the clerk's standard procedure, such as federal express mail, sent to the address of the respondent as indicated on the complaint unless the party filing the action requests another permissible method of service. *See* Civ.R. 4.1.

(2) Alternative Writ.

(a) If an alternative writ is requested, the relator or petitioner must also submit a separate application for the alternative writ. If the party filing the action requests expedited disposition of an application for an alternative writ, that party must file a written request with the clerk for personal service under Civ.R. 4.1(B) as well as effect personal service and the return of service forthwith unless that party certifies to the court in writing why prompt service is not practicable. If an alternative writ is granted, respondent must comply with relator's request for relief or show cause why respondent is not required to comply with that request.

(b) If an alternative writ is granted, the burden of service is on the relator or the petitioner. If an alternative writ is not granted, then service must be made under the Rules of Civil Procedure. Under unusual circumstances, the court may issue an alternative writ on its own motion.

(c) When an alternative writ is not granted, the action will proceed as any civil action under the Rules of Civil Procedure. When an alternative writ is granted, the court shall issue a schedule for filing stipulations, briefs, and evidence or shall schedule the action for a "guidelines hearing." At the guidelines hearing, the court shall set a schedule for filing motions or other papers and for taking evidence.

(3) Response to Complaint or Petition. In all actions, except for a petition for habeas corpus or an election action, the respondent shall file an answer or a motion to dismiss within 28 days of service of the summons and complaint. This court, in the exercise of its sound discretion, may shorten the period for the filing of the respondent's answer or motion to dismiss.

(4) Dispositive Motions. When a party files either a motion to dismiss or a motion for summary judgment, the movant must also file a supporting brief. A brief in opposition may be filed within

20 days of the filing of the motion. Unless it directs otherwise, the court will rule on motions without oral argument.

- (5) Evidentiary Hearings. If the parties do not stipulate to the evidence, then the court may conduct a hearing or appoint a magistrate to take testimony on issues of disputed fact. The Rules of Evidence will apply to the taking of testimony under Civ.R. 53.
- (6) Dismissal For Failure To Prosecute. Absent a showing of good cause, if no further action has been taken to join the issues within four months after filing of the complaint or petition, then the original action may be dismissed for failure to prosecute, after notice to counsel of record.
- (7) Election Cases. If an original action relating to an election is filed within 90 days before the election, then the answer is due five days after service of summons. The reply and the brief of the relator must be filed within five days after the filing of the answer.

Respondent's brief must be filed no later than five days after the filing of relator's brief. Only in exceptional cases will time be extended or diminished, even with consent of opposing counsel. The court, in the exercise of its sound discretion, may shorten any time period for the filing of any answer, motion, or response to any motion.

- (8) Habeas Corpus. Actions in Habeas Corpus shall proceed in conformity with this rule, except to the extent that specific procedures are prescribed in R.C. Chapter 2725.
- (9) Recording Of Proceedings. Upon prior written notice to the court, any party may make arrangements for the recording of any evidentiary hearing by any authorized means. *See, e.g.,* Crim.R. 22.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999. Amended eff. Feb. 1, 2005; Jan. 1, 2010; Jan. 19, 2010; July 1, 2012; Feb. 1, 2019.)

RULE 46. APPOINTED COUNSEL

(A) **Motions.** Motions for appointment of counsel for an indigent party and for the transcript at state's expense should be filed, whenever possible, as a single motion. A copy of the Affidavit of Indigency shall be filed with the notice of appeal.

(B) **Selection Of Counsel.** The court shall maintain a list of qualified attorneys who have notified the court of their interest in serving as appointed counsel in criminal, juvenile, and termination of parental rights cases. In selecting attorneys, the court shall consider the experience and expertise of counsel, the nature of the case, and the frequency of appointment.

The court shall keep a record of all counsel appointments made in a given calendar year and shall assure that appointments are equitably distributed among counsel on the appointment list.

(C) **Application For Fees.** Applications for fees on appeal in criminal, juvenile, and termination of parental rights cases in which counsel has been appointed for an indigent must be completed on the form prescribed by the Ohio Public Defender Commission. Counsel shall attach to the application a financial disclosure form and a copy of the judgment entry appointing counsel to the appeal. The application and financial disclosure forms can be found on the court and Ohio Public Defender's websites.

Applications for payment of attorney's fees shall be filed with the clerk of the appellate court no earlier than the date the decision is journalized and no later than 30 days after the decision is journalized. The Ohio Public Defender does not reimburse counties for fees paid pursuant to an untimely or improperly completed application. Accordingly, the failure to timely file a properly completed application may result in reduction or non-payment of fees unless a motion showing good cause for the late application is filed.

(D) **Appointed Counsel Fees.** Reimbursement for appointed counsel fees shall not exceed the schedule of fees established by Cuyahoga County Council pursuant to R.C. 2941.51, unless appointed counsel also files a motion for extraordinary fees with reasons supporting the request. (The Schedule of Fees is posted on the court's website and set forth in Appendix B.)

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. Feb. 1, 2014, per Cuyahoga County Council Resolution No. R2014-0005; July 1, 2022.)

RULE 47. REMOVAL OF TRANSCRIPT

When a notice of appeal has been filed in a particular case, the entire file becomes subject to the exclusive direction and control of the court of appeals. With the filing of a notice, the authority of the court of appeals automatically supersedes any existing authority to allow the removal of a transcript from the trial court. After a notice of appeal has been filed, a transcript, whether part of the trial court record or filed on appeal, may be removed only:

(A) By order of the court of appeals, or upon application on a form provided to the clerk of courts and approved by the judges of the court for this purpose, and

(B) On condition that the transcript be returned within 14 days after the date of removal or 14 days before the date set for the hearing of argument, whichever is earlier.

Transcripts are official court records and may not be altered or defaced in any manner. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a contempt citation.

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 1999; amended eff. July 30, 2014.)

RULE 48.

RESERVED

RULE 49. EFFECTIVE DATES

(A) **Effective Date Of Rules.** These rules govern all proceedings in actions brought after the effective date and also all further proceedings in actions then pending, except to the extent that application in a particular action pending on the effective date will not be feasible or will work an injustice.

Adopted this 13th day of January 1999, effective February 1, 1999, under Rule 31 of the Ohio Appellate Rules and Section 5(B), Article IV, Ohio Constitution, and filed with the clerk of this court and with the Supreme Court of Ohio.

(B) **Effective Dates Of Amendments.** Effective July 1, 1999, this court amended the following provisions: Loc.App.R. 3(B)(1), 9(A), 11.1(A) and (B), 21(A)(1), 44(A)(5), and 44(C) as well as Appendix B, Docketing Statement, Sections A and B.

Effective July 26, 2000, this court adopted Loc.App.R. 22(B).

Effective April 4, 2001, this court adopted Loc.App.R. 34.

Effective April 1, 2004, this court amended Loc.App.R. 3(A). Effective June 1, 2004, this court amended Loc.App.R. 9(E) and adopted Loc.App.R. 60.

Effective February 1, 2005, this court amended Loc.App.R. 45. Effective August 1, 2005, this court adopted Loc.App.R. 11.

Effective February 1, 2006, this court amended Loc.App.R. 16.

Effective November 9, 2007, this court amended Loc.App.R. 60.

Effective March 18, 2009, this court amended Loc.App.R. 22(A) and (B) to bring them into conformity with revised App.R. 22. Effective September 1, 2009, this court adopted Loc.App.R. 25.1, which superseded former Appendix C, and amended Loc.App.R. 22.

Effective January 19, 2010, this court amended Loc.App.R. 1(C), 16, and 45(B)(1)(a). Effective June 22, 2010, this court adopted Loc.App.R. 23 and 50. Effective July 20, 2010, this court amended Loc.App.R. 22(A). Effective July 20, 2010, this court adopted Loc.App.R. 26, which supersedes former Loc.App.R. 25.1, and amended Loc.App.R. 18(B).

Effective February 15, 2011, this court amended Loc.App.R. 26 and amended Loc.App.R. 44(C)(2).

Effective July 1, 2012, this court amended Loc.App.R. 3(A), 14, and 45(A).

Effective July 15, 2013, this court amended Loc.App.R. 14. Effective October 16, 2013, this court amended Loc.App.R. 16(C). Effective December 2, 2013, this court adopted Loc.App.R. 13.1 and 13.2. Effective December 11, 2013, this court amended Loc.App.R. 21.

Effective February 1, 2014, Loc.App.R. 46(D) was amended pursuant to the rates established by Cuyahoga County Council Resolution No. R2014-0005. Effective July 30, 2014, the court adopted Loc.App.R. 13.3 and amended Loc.App.R. 16, 21, and 47.

Effective January 1, 2015, this court amended Loc.App.R. 11 and 13.2(C). Effective September 16, 2015, Loc.App.R. 48 was abrogated.

Effective August 1, 2016, Loc.App.R. 13.1(C), 13.2(B)(1)(c), and 20 were amended and Loc.App.R. 3(D) was adopted.

Effective March 29, 2017, Loc.App.R. 13.2(B)(1) and 20(B)(2) were amended.

Effective April 9, 2018, Loc.App.R. 3(A) was amended.

Effective February 1, 2019, this court amended the following rules: Loc.App.R. 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 11.1, 13.2, 13.3, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 44, 45, and 60. This court further adopted a single praecipe and docketing statement form contained as Appendix A, which supersedes former Appendix A Praecipe and Appendix B Docketing Statement.

Effective December 28, 2020, Loc.App.R. 20 was amended.

Effective March 1, 2022, Loc.App.R. 21 was amended. Effective July 1, 2022, Loc.App.R. 11.1(B)(3), 14, 20 and 46 were amended.

Effective November 1, 2023, Loc.App.R. 13.1 and 21 were amended, and this court adopted Loc.App.R. 35.

Effective February 1, 2024, Loc.App.R. 26(B)(3) and (C) were amended.

Effective July 1, 2024, Loc.App.R. 21(D) was amended, and Appendix B was updated.

**RULE 50. CONDITIONS FOR RECORDING, BROADCASTING, OR
PHOTOGRAPHING APPELLATE COURT PROCEEDINGS**

The following conditions shall apply to broadcasting, recording, or photographing court proceedings in the Eighth District Court of Appeals.

All media representatives or any other persons who seek to televise, record, or photograph court proceedings shall request permission from the court in writing at least two business days prior to the date on which the proceedings are scheduled to occur. The request may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the court.

The judge presiding over the proceedings shall issue a written order authorizing the request in those proceedings that are open to the public as provided by Ohio law. In order to conform to this court's policies prohibiting, whenever possible, publication of the names and identities of juveniles, victims of sexual offenses, and / or individuals in matters under seal, the presiding judge of the panel may direct that the recording, by whatever method, either not be made, or be made in such a manner as to assure that such publication does not occur.

The provisions of Rule 12 of the Ohio Rules of Superintendence (Sup.R. 12) shall apply, except that not more than one photographer, one portable camera (television, videotape, or movie) with one operator, or more than one audio system shall be permitted in the courtroom. Arrangements for the "pooling" of equipment shall be made as set forth in the aforesaid rule.

All persons, including media representatives, shall at all times conduct such activity in a manner whereby the participants shall not be distracted, nor the dignity of the proceedings impaired. The presiding judge may revoke permission to broadcast, record, or photograph any proceeding for the failure of any persons, including media representatives, to conduct themselves accordingly or for failure to comply with Sup.R. 12 or this local rule.

(Adopted eff. June 22, 2010.)

RULES 51 THROUGH 59.

RESERVED

(Adopted eff. Feb. 1, 2005.)

**RULE 60. SECURITY POLICY / FIREARMS AND DANGEROUS
ORDNANCE PROHIBITION**

For purposes of ensuring security in court facilities and pursuant to the provisions of the Ohio Court Security Standards adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio in Rule 9 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio, this Court has adopted and implemented a local Security Policy and Procedures Plan/Manual.

(Adopted eff. June 1, 2004; amended eff. Nov. 19, 2007; Feb. 1, 2019.)

**EIGHTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS
LOCAL APPELLATE RULE 9
Praecipe and Docketing Statement**

Name of Trial Court: _____

Case Caption: _____

Plaintiff,

vs.

Defendant

Trial Court Case Number: _____

Trial Court Judge: _____

Date of judgment appealed: _____

The notice of appeal was filed in
compliance with:

- ☐ [App.R. 4\(A\)](#) (within 30 days); or
☐ [App.R. 4\(B\)](#) (time extended); or
☐ [App.R. 5](#) (delayed appeal)

A. PRAECIPE: REQUESTING THE RECORD

TO THE CLERK OF THE TRIAL COURT:

1. ☐ By checking this box, appellant requests that the clerk of the trial court immediately prepare and assemble the original papers and exhibits filed in the trial court and a certified copy of docket and journal entries under App.R. 9(A). **(If appellant only selects this box, appellant acknowledges that no transcript is required to be prepared.)**
2. ☐ Check this box if you seek the record in this appeal to include one of the following listed below that is necessary for the resolution of the appeal. **(Please select only one of the following below.)**
 - a. ☐ Complete transcript under [App.R. 9\(B\)](#). (Note: the appellant must instruct the court reporter to prepare the transcript.*)
 - b. ☐ Partial transcript under [App.R. 9\(B\)](#). (Note: the appellant must instruct the court reporter to prepare the transcript.*)
 - c. ☐ Statement of evidence or proceedings under [App.R. 9\(C\)](#).
 - d. ☐ Agreed statement under [App.R. 9\(D\)](#).

B. CALENDAR

Choose the appropriate calendar designation for this case. **Check only one of the following:**

☐ **Regular Calendar**

This is the appropriate selection if **any** of the following apply:

- Transcript and all other evidentiary materials are more than one hundred pages;
- A brief in excess of 15 pages is necessary to argue the issues adequately;
- Appeal concerns unique issues of law that will be of substantial precedential value in determining similar cases;
- Appeal concerns multiple or complex issues; or
- Do not want accelerated calendar.

☐ **Accelerated Calendar** (See [LocApp.R. 11.1](#))

An appeal may be assigned to the accelerated calendar if (1) no transcript is required, or (2) the transcript and all other evidentiary materials consist of 100 or fewer pages. If any of the criteria listed above for regular calendar applies, the appeal will not be assigned to the accelerated calendar.

☐ **Expedited Calendar** (See [App.R. 11.2](#))

This is the appropriate selection if any of the following apply. Please designate the specific category below:

- ☐ Abortion-related appeal from juvenile court
- ☐ Adoption or parental rights appeal (includes award of temporary custody to the agency)
- ☐ Dependent, abused, neglected, unruly or delinquent child appeal
- ☐ Prosecutorial appeal from suppression order
- ☐ Denial of a bail bond as provided in R.C. 2937.222(D)
- ☐ Election contests as provided in R.C. 3515.08
- ☐ Marsy's law appeal as provided in R.C. 2930.19(A)
- ☐ Other: _____

* **Note:** If requesting a transcript from the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas, General Division, you must send a copy of the praecipe to CPREPAPPCOMM@cuyahogacounty.us.

For all other courts, contact the trial court or consult the trial court's website. You may have to file a motion with the trial court to obtain a transcript.

C. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Was a stay requested in the trial court? ☐ Yes ☐ No (See [App.R. 7](#) and [App.R. 8](#))
If a stay was requested, how did the trial court rule?
☐ Granted ☐ Denied ☐ Pending
2. If this case has previously been before this Court, list prior appellate case number(s):

3. List case names and numbers of cases pending in this court that involve the same transaction or controversy involved in this appeal: _____

4. Probable issues for appeal (if known): _____

5. Have you attached a time-stamped copy of the final judgment being appealed as required under [Loc.App.R. 3\(B\)](#)? ☐ Yes
6. Have you been declared a vexatious litigator? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, did you comply with R.C. 2323.52(F)(2) and seek leave to file?
☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Is this an appeal from a decision pertaining to an expungement or civil stalking protection order? ☐ Yes ☐ No

D. CRIMINAL CASE

(If this is an appeal from a civil case, skip ahead to SECTION E. If a criminal case, complete this section and then skip to the signature block.)

1. Does the sentencing order contain the following **four requirements**:
 - fact of conviction for **each** count;
 - separate sentence for **each** convicted count;
 - signature of trial court judge; and
 - file stamp of the clerk of court?☐ Yes ☐ No

2. If a co-defendant(s) was indicted and convicted under the same complaint, list the name(s) of co-defendant(s):

3. Type of Appeal (**Select only one of the following**):

- ☐ Defendant's Appeal as of Right ☐ State's Appeal as of Right
☐ Defendant's Delayed Appeal by Leave of Court (See [App.R. 5\(A\)](#))
☐ State's Appeal by Leave of Court (See [App.R. 5\(B\)](#))
☐ Interlocutory Appeal pursuant to R.C. 2930.19

NOTICE TO PROSECUTOR: If this appeal implicates Marsy's law, the prosecutor must notify the victim(s) if required by law. See R.C. 2930.15 and 2930.19.

E. CIVIL CASE

1. Specify the type of action in the trial court (e.g., administrative appeal; contract; declaratory judgment; domestic relations; juvenile; medical malpractice; personal injury; probate; etc.):

2. Is the order appealed from a final appealable order:

- a. Did the judgment dispose of all claims by and against all parties?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- b. If not, is there a determination that there is "no just reason for delay" per Civ.R. 54(B)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- c. If you are appealing an interlocutory order, specify what authority (e.g., specific provision under R.C. 2505.02, other statute, or case law) that gives this court jurisdiction to hear the appeal: _____

3. Settlement discussions:

a. How would you characterize the extent of your settlement discussions before judgment?

- ☐ None ☐ Minimal
☐ Moderate ☐ Extensive

b. Have settlement discussions taken place since the judgment or order appealed from was entered? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c. Would a mediation conference assist in the resolution of this matter?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Maybe

I certify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that I must file the Notice of Appeal along with this Praecipe and Docketing Statement in the trial court.

Appellant or Attorney for Appellant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Praecipe and Docketing Statement was served upon

_____ on ____ / ____ / 20____ in the following
manner: _____.

(Signature)

APPENDIX B

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The amount of reimbursement in criminal matters is based on the level of the offense(s) of which the appellant was convicted, not the level of the offense(s) contained in the indictment. The amount of reimbursement in juvenile and termination of parental rights appeals are reimbursed at a flat rate up to the maximum provided in the Schedule of Fees.

The rate of compensation for appointed counsel, as authorized by Cuyahoga County Council, is set forth in the following schedule:

Assigned Counsel - Appellate level proceedings

Offense/Proceeding	Fees
Death Sentence	As set by Capital Fee Council – see R.C. 120.33(D) The Council has currently set a rate of \$140 with no fee maximum.
Cumulative Minimum Sentence exceeds 25 years	\$6,240
Felony (degrees 1-2) Trial	\$3,900
Felony (degree 3) Trial	\$2,730
Felony (degrees 4-5) Trial	\$1,950
Misdemeanor Trial	\$1,560
Felony Plea	\$1,170
Misdemeanor Plea	\$875
ADN Permanent Custody	\$2,730
Juvenile Delinquency	Corresponding Offense Level
Probate	\$2,730
Unruly	\$875
Other	\$875
26(B) <i>Murnahan</i> Felony	\$2,340

APPENDIX B

(degrees 1-2) Trial	
26(B) <i>Murnahan</i> Felony (degree 3) Trial	\$1,560
26(B) <i>Murnahan</i> (degrees 4-5) Trial	\$780
OSC Jurisdiction Memorandum	\$1,170

Hourly Rates:

In Court/Out of Court.....\$75

Death Sentence (In Court/Out of Court).....\$140

(Amended eff. July 1, 2024)