

(i) Child custody cases. A petition for leave to appeal in a child custody case, as defined in Rule 311, and any notice, motion, or pleading related thereto, shall include the following statement in bold type on the top of the front page: **THIS APPEAL INVOLVES A QUESTION OF CHILD CUSTODY, ADOPTION, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OR OTHER MATTER AFFECTING THE BEST INTERESTS OF A CHILD.**

(j) Oral Argument. Oral argument may be requested as provided in Rule 352(a).

Amended effective November 30, 1972; amended effective September 1, 1974; amended October 1, 1976, effective November 15, 1976; amended September 29, 1978, effective November 1, 1978; amended July 30, 1979, effective October 15, 1979; amended February 19, 1982, effective April 1, 1982; amended May 28, 1982, effective July 1, 1982; amended February 1, 1984, effective February 1, 1984, with Justice Moran dissenting (see *Yellow Cab Co. v. Jones* (1985), 108 Ill. 2d 330, 342); amended April 27, 1984, effective July 1, 1984; amended February 21, 1986, effective August 1, 1986; amended February 27, 1987, effective April 1, 1987; amended April 7, 1993, effective June 1, 1993; amended December 17, 1993, effective February 1, 1994; amended September 23, 1996, effective immediately; amended September 22, 1997, effective October 1, 1997; amended March 19, 2003, effective May 1, 2003; amended December 5, 2003, effective immediately; amended October 15, 2004, effective January 1, 2005; amended February 10, 2006, effective July 1, 2006; amended May 24, 2006, effective September 1, 2006; amended August 15, 2006, effective immediately; amended October 2, 2006, effective immediately; amended September 25, 2007, effective October 15, 2007; amended February 26, 2010, effective immediately; amended Mar. 15, 2013, eff. May 1, 2013.

New Rule 660A

Rule 660A. Expedited Appeals in Delinquent Minor Cases

The expedited procedures in this rule shall apply to appeals from final judgments in delinquent minor proceedings arising under the Juvenile Court Act.

(a) Special Caption; Service of Notice of Appeal on Trial Judge. The notice of appeal, docketing statement, briefs and all other notices, motions and pleadings filed by any party in relation to an appeal involving a delinquent minor case under the Juvenile Court Act shall include the following statement in bold type on the top of the front page: **THIS APPEAL INVOLVES A DELINQUENT MINOR PROCEEDING UNDER THE JUVENILE COURT ACT.** When the notice of appeal is filed pursuant to the provisions of Rule 606(b), it shall also be served on the trial judge.

(b) Status Hearing in Circuit Court. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal in a delinquent minor case arising under the Juvenile Court Act, the trial judge shall take any and all action necessary to expedite preparation of the record on appeal. The trial court shall have continuing jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing the rules for

preparation of the record. The trial court may request the assistance of the chief judge to resolve filing delays, and the chief judge shall assign or reassign the court reporting personnel's work as necessary to ensure compliance with the filing deadlines.

(c) *Record.* The record on appeal shall be filed no later than 35 days after the filing of the notice of appeal. Any request for extension of the time for filing shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the court clerk or court reporting personnel stating the reason for the delay, and shall be served on the trial judge and the chief judge of the circuit. Lack of advance payment shall not be a reason for noncompliance with filing deadlines for the record or transcript. Any subsequent request for an extension of time shall be made to the appellate court by written notice and motion to all parties in accordance with rules.

(d) *Time for Filing of Briefs in the Reviewing Court.* Unless otherwise ordered by the appellate court, the brief of the appellant shall be filed in the reviewing court within 28 days from the filing of the record on appeal. Within 28 days from the due date of the appellant's brief, the appellee shall file a brief in the reviewing court. Within 7 days from the due date of the appellee's brief, the appellant may file a reply brief in the reviewing court.

(e) *Oral Argument.* If oral argument is requested by a party, a reviewing court shall, no later than seven days from the due date of appellant's reply brief, determine whether the case should be called for oral argument.

(f) *Deadline for Decision.* Except for good cause shown, the appellate court shall file its decision within 150 days after the filing of the notice of appeal.

(g) *Extensions of Time Disfavored.* Requests for extensions of time are disfavored and shall be granted only for compelling circumstances.

(h) *Effective Date.* This rule shall apply to all orders in which a notice of appeal is filed after its effective date.

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