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76 **Advisory Committee on**  
77 **Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure**

78 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

79 **Advisory Committee Process Summary**

80 This Court’s Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure has met seven  
81 half-days (as well as at various sub-committee meetings) during 1997 to consider changes in  
82 appellate procedure. The Committee considered numerous drafts of the rules, and considered all  
83 comments it or the Court had received since the last rules amendments. Additionally, the Committee  
84 considered proposals for study or change brought forward by the Committee and its co-reporters.  
85 The Minnesota Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure were last reviewed and amended substantively  
86 in 1992, though various subsequent amendments have adjusted the provisions for filing fees and  
87 similar matters.

88 The Committee has carefully reviewed the operation of the appellate rules, and is pleased to  
89 report they are working well in practice. A few significant and recurring problems do exist,  
90 however, and these amendments seek to address those problems.

91 **Summary of Advisory Committee Recommendations**

92 The Committee’s report comprises 14 separate recommendations. The changes range from  
93 the technical or ministerial to the very significant. Rule 103 is amended to clarify the rules on  
94 appealability and Rule 104 is amended to change the timing of appeals. These changes, and  
95 particularly the establishment of a standard 60-day timing rule for appeals from judgments and  
96 orders (though the trigger for commencing those 60-day periods will continue to differ), will have a  
97 dramatic impact on appellate practice in Minnesota. They will also address the most commonly  
98 heard complaint about how the rules now operate.

99 The recommendations of this report are summarized here:

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101 judgments prescribed by case law or statute
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161 Form 120C Writ of Prohibition [DELETE]  
162 Form 114 Petition for Declaratory Judgment  
163 Form 139 Taxation of Costs and Disbursements

164 The report includes amendments to the official forms accompanying the rules where  
165 appropriate.

### 166 **Matters Not Recommended for Action at This Time**

167 The Committee also considered a number of suggestions which deserve further study. The  
168 most significant of these matters are: (1) rehearing in a Court of Appeals; and (2) post-trial motions.

169 The Committee considered at some length whether there should be a mechanism to allow  
170 rehearing or reconsideration in the Court of Appeals. Rule 140 now expressly prohibits rehearing  
171 in the Court of Appeals. Nothing in the current rules indicates whether parties are permitted to make  
172 motions to correct clear or clerical errors in opinions. *But see* MINN. R. CIV. APP. P. 127 (request for

173 an order or other relief from the court should be made by motion); MINN. APP. SPEC. R. PRACT. 6  
174 (panels may make clerical changes in opinions). Most state appellate courts provide some  
175 mechanism for rehearing. *See* ROBERT STERN, APPELLATE PRACTICE IN THE UNITED STATES 441-42  
176 & n.2 (2d ed. 1989). Notwithstanding the potential value of rehearing, the current rule saves  
177 significant judicial effort that would otherwise be spent considering motions for rehearing destined  
178 for near-certain denial. Changes to Rule 140 will require judicious allocation of significant resources  
179 and careful drafting so a new rule permits motions under exceptional circumstances, as opposed to  
180 every case. The Committee suggests this issue be reviewed in the future after further study of the  
181 need and resources questions.

182 The Committee also considered the recommendation of this Court's Advisory Committee  
183 on Rules of Civil Procedure that it examine possible amendments to the rules regarding post-trial  
184 motions and similar motions during trial, specifically MINN. R. CIV. P. 41, 50, 52. The federal  
185 counterparts to these rules were amended in 1991. This Committee recommends against adopting  
186 these federal rule amendments in Minnesota at this time. Although it continues to favor following  
187 federal rule practice where the federal rules would work in state court cases, the Committee believes  
188 that renaming motions for directed verdicts, judgment n.o.v. and dismissal will result in unnecessary  
189 confusion and expense. The existing rules work well in practice and the procedures under them are  
190 defined by years of Minnesota case law.

### 191 **Effective Date**

192 The Committee believes these amendments are ready for consideration by the Court, and  
193 recommends that a public hearing should be scheduled by the Court. Assuming that hearing and  
194 consideration by the Court can be accomplished during the second quarter of 1998, the Committee  
195 believes these rules can and should be made effective January 1, 1999. This will permit the amended  
196 rules to be communicated to lawyers and the courts.

197 Some of the changes made in these proposed rules significantly modify appellate procedure,  
198 including the questions of appealability and the timing and perfection of appeals. This Court should  
199 endeavor to ensure that it and the Court of Appeals apply the rules during the first year of  
200 effectiveness in a flexible way, to the extent consistent with existing limits of appellate jurisdiction.



215 **Recommendation 1:           Revise Rule 103.03 to include appealable orders and judgments**  
216 **prescribed by case law or statute**

217 **Introduction**

218           The Committee received expressions of concern from many corners over the fact that Rule  
219 103.03 does not contain a complete list of the trial court decisions that are appealable. The existence  
220 of bases for appeal (either statutory or based on case law) that are independent of the appellate rules,  
221 and that are not identified in the appellate rules, leads to confusion and in some cases, the failure of  
222 a party to timely file an appeal where one might be allowed. On the other hand, there is also a  
223 concern that Rule 103.03 might be subject to repeated modification in the face of developing case law  
224 and statutory enactments. The Committee sought to strike an appropriate balance between these  
225 competing concerns by revising the rule to include language that would encompass the categories  
226 of appealable decisions that have been or may be created outside of the rule itself. The Committee  
227 also recommends a minor clarification that emphasizes that only final judgments are appealable.

228 **Specific Recommendation**

229 **RULE 103 APPEAL—HOW TAKEN**

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231 **RULE 103.03 APPEALABLE JUDGMENTS AND ORDERS**

232 An appeal may be taken to the Court of Appeals:

- 233 (a) from a final judgment entered in the trial court, or from a partial judgment  
234 entered pursuant to Minn. R. Civ. P. 54.02;  
235 (b) from an order which grants, refuses, dissolves or refuses to dissolve, an  
236 injunction;  
237 (c) from an order vacating or sustaining an attachment;  
238 (d) from an order denying a new trial, or from an order granting a new trial if the  
239 trial court expressly states therein, or in a memorandum attached thereto, that  
240 the order is based exclusively upon errors of law occurring at the trial, and  
241 upon no other ground; and the trial court shall specify such errors in its order  
242 or memorandum, but upon appeal, such order granting a new trial may be  
243 sustained for errors of law prejudicial to respondent other than those specified  
244 by the trial court;  
245 (e) from an order which, in effect, determines the action and prevents a judgment  
246 from which an appeal might be taken;

- 247 (f) from a final order or judgment made or rendered in proceedings  
248 supplementary to execution;
- 249 (g) except as otherwise provided by statute, from a final order, decision or  
250 judgment affecting a substantial right made in an administrative or other  
251 special proceeding, provided that the appeal must be taken within the time  
252 limited for appeal from an order; ~~and~~
- 253 (h) if the trial court certifies that the question presented is important and doubtful,  
254 from an order which denies a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim  
255 upon which relief can be granted or from an order which denies a motion for  
256 summary judgment; and
- 257 (i) from such other orders or decisions as may be appealable by statute or under  
258 the decisions of the Minnesota appellate courts.

259 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

260 While Rule 103.03 contains a nearly exhaustive list of appealable orders and judgments, it  
261 is not the exclusive basis for appellate jurisdiction. See *In re State & Regents Bldg. Asbestos*  
262 *Cases*, 435 N.W.2d 521 (Minn. 1989); *Anderson v. City of Hopkins*, 393 N.W.2d 363 (Minn.  
263 1986). In these and other cases, the Minnesota Supreme Court has recognized that there are  
264 certain instances in which an appeal may be allowed as a matter of right even though the  
265 ground for that appeal is not found expressly in the provisions of Rule 103.03. Such  
266 instances include:

267 **Orders granting or denying motions to dismiss or for summary judgment**  
268 **when the motions are based on the trial court's alleged lack of personal or**  
269 **subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether the motion seeks dismissal of**  
270 **the entire action.** See *McGowan v. Our Savior's Lutheran Church*, 527 N.W.2d  
271 830, 833 (Minn. 1995) (order denying summary judgment is appealable when  
272 motion is based on district court's lack of subject matter jurisdiction); *Hunt v.*  
273 *Nevada State Bank*, 285 Minn. 77, 88-89, 172 N.W.2d 292, 298 (1969) (order  
274 denying motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction immediately  
275 appealable of right).

276 **Orders denying motions to dismiss or for summary judgment based on**  
277 **governmental immunity from suit, provided that the denial is not based on the**  
278 **existence of a question of fact.** See *Anderson*, 393 N.W.2d at 364 (order denying  
279 defendant's motion for summary judgment is appealable when motion is based on  
280 governmental immunity from suit); *Carter v. Cole*, 526 N.W.2d 209 (Minn. App.  
281 1995), *aff'd*, 539 N.W.2d 241 (Minn. 1995) (affirming dismissal of appeal from  
282 order denying government official's motion for summary judgment based solely on  
283 the finding that there is a genuine issue of material fact whether the official  
284 committed the acts alleged; reserving question of appealability of an order denying  
285 summary judgment where the genuine issues of material fact identified by the trial  
286 court are related to the issue of immunity, and not to the merits of the claim); see  
287 also *Johnson v. Jones*, 515 U.S. 304, 115 S.Ct. 2151, 132 L.Ed.2d 238 (1995)  
288 (order denying summary judgment on immunity grounds not appealable where  
289 motion is denied because of genuine issue of material fact).

290 **Orders vacating final orders or judgments, when the orders are issued after**  
291 **the time to appeal the underlying orders or judgments has expired, or from**  
292 **orders refusing to vacate default judgments.** See *State & Regents*, 435 N.W.2d  
293 at 522 (order vacating final judgment is appealable); *Spicer v. Carefree Vacations,*  
294 *Inc.*, 370 N.W.2d 424 (Minn. 1985) (denial of a Rule 60 motion is appealable if the  
295 judgment is rendered *ex parte* against a party who has made no appearance). *But*  
296 *see Carlson v. Panuska*, 555 N.W.2d 745 (Minn. 1996) (*Spicer* exception applies  
297 only to true default judgments and not to "default" judgments entered after  
298 contested hearings for failure to comply with discovery orders).

299 In addition, certain statutes provide for appeals as a matter of right, even though Rule  
300 103.03 does not expressly so provide. See, e.g., MINN. STAT. § 572.26, subd. 1 (listing

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appealable orders in arbitration proceedings, which are not “special” proceedings under Rule 103.03), *Pulju v. Metropolitan Property & Cas.*, 535 N.W.2d 608 (Minn. 1995).

These examples are not intended to be exhaustive, but rather to emphasize that there are limited grounds for appeal other than those set forth in Rule 103.03. *See generally* Scott W. Johnson, *Common Law Appellate Jurisdiction*, BENCH & BAR OF MINN., Sept. 1997, at 31.

306 **Recommendation 2:** **Revise Rule 103.04 to codify the requirement of post-trial motions**  
307 **to preserve certain issues for appellate review.**

308 **Introduction**

309 Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 103.04 provides that on appeal, the appellate courts “may reverse,  
310 affirm or modify the judgment or order appealed from, or take any other action as the interest of  
311 justice may require.” The rule further provides that, on appeal from or review of an order, the  
312 appellate courts may review any order affecting the order from which the appeal is taken, and on  
313 appeal from a judgment, the courts may review any order “involving the merits or affecting the  
314 judgment.” Finally, the rule provides that the appellate courts may review “any other matter as the  
315 interests of justice may require.”

316 Despite these broad statements, by judicial construction the scope of review may be  
317 significantly limited depending upon the course of the proceedings below. There is a concern that  
318 the current rule does not fairly warn parties of the fact that their actions or inactions in the trial court  
319 may limit the scope of appellate review. The proposed amendment highlights the judicial  
320 construction that has attached to the rule, which should be of benefit to litigants and, ultimately, the  
321 appellate courts.

322 **Specific Recommendation**

323 **RULE 103. APPEAL—HOW TAKEN**

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325 **RULE 103.04 SCOPE OF REVIEW**

326 The appellate courts may reverse, affirm or modify the judgment or order appealed from or  
327 take any other action as the interest of justice may require.

328 On appeal from or review of an order the appellate courts may review any order affecting the  
329 order from which the appeal is taken and on appeal from a judgment may review any order involving  
330 the merits or affecting the judgment. They may review any other matter as the interest of justice may  
331 require. The scope of review afforded may be affected by whether proper steps have been taken to  
332 preserve issues for review on appeal, including the existence of timely and proper post-trial motions.

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**Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

The rule has been changed to make clear that the scope of review can and often does depend upon the scope of the trial proceedings. As a general proposition, appellate review is limited to review of the facts and legal arguments that are contained in the trial record. The conduct of the trial proceedings will affect the scope of review on appeal. *See Sauter v. Wasemiller*, 389 N.W.2d 200 (Minn. 1986); *Northwestern State Bank v. Foss*, 287 Minn. 508, 511, 177 N.W.2d 292, 294 (1970). This is true notwithstanding the broad statement of the appellate courts' scope of review contained in Rule 103.04. *See* MINN. CONST. art. 6, § 2.

Litigants often fail to recognize the importance of post-trial motions, and the sometimes dramatic consequences of the failure to bring them. Though commentators have alerted lawyers to this issue, *see* 3 ERIC J. MAGNUSON & DAVID F. HERR, MINNESOTA PRACTICE: APPELLATE RULES ANNOTATED § 103.17 (3d ed. 1996), problems associated with failure to file appropriate post-trial motions continues to be a significant, recurring problem. This rule amendment is intended to ameliorate the problem.

348 **Recommendation 3:** **Revise Rule 104 to provide for a unified 60-day time period in**  
349 **which to appeal from orders and judgments (albeit still measured**  
350 **from different starting dates), and provide that post-trial motions**  
351 **extend the time for appeal.**

352 **Introduction**

353 The current rules provide different time periods to appeal judgments and orders; moreover, the  
354 event that starts the time for appeal is different for judgments in civil cases and orders and final  
355 decisions in special proceedings. The differing time periods are a source of considerable confusion to  
356 litigants.

357 Additionally, there is no provision in the current rule for most appeals for a suspension of the  
358 time to appeal an otherwise “final” judgment during the time that the trial court considers motions  
359 that may impact that judgment. Rule 104.04 does include such a provision for family court matters.  
360 Under the current rule for general civil appeals, the time for taking an appeal from an order or  
361 judgment may run prior to the entry of a related order or judgment. The most common occurrence of  
362 this problem is when the trial court enters judgment immediately upon the filing of its findings of  
363 fact, conclusions of law and order for judgment (in either a court trial or a jury trial) and then does not  
364 decide post-trial motions within the time for an appeal from the judgment. If an appeal from the  
365 judgment is filed, the trial court loses jurisdiction to decide the pending motions.

366 The current rules do not account for the independent appealability of judgments and decisions  
367 on certain post-trial motions and some appeals from orders not following trials, nor do they deal with  
368 the effect of an appeal on the trial court’s jurisdiction to rule on pending post-trial motions. These  
369 problems would be resolved by the adoption of a rule that specifically addresses the effect of post-  
370 decision motions on the time for appeal.

371 **Specific Recommendation**

372 **RULE 104. TIME FOR FILING AND**  
373 **SERVICE OF NOTICE OF APPEAL**

374 **RULE 104.01 TIME FOR FILING AND SERVICE**

375 **Subd. 1. Time for Appeal.** Unless a different time is provided by statute, an appeal may  
376 be taken from a judgment within ~~90~~ 60 days after its entry, and from an appealable order within ~~30~~  
377 60 days after service by any the adverse party of written notice of its filing, ~~unless a different time~~  
378 is provided by law.

379 An appeal may be taken from a judgment entered pursuant to Rule 54.02, Minnesota Rules of  
380 Civil Procedure, within ~~90~~ 60 days of the entry of the judgment only if the trial court makes an  
381 express determination that there is no just reason for delay and expressly directs the entry of a final  
382 judgment. The time to appeal from any other judgment entered pursuant to Rule 54.02 shall not begin  
383 to run until the entry of a judgment which adjudicates all the claims and rights and liabilities of the  
384 remaining parties.

385 **Subd. 2. Effect of Post-Decision Motions.** Unless otherwise provided by law, if any party  
386 serves and files a proper and timely motion of a type specified immediately below, the time for appeal  
387 of the order or judgment that is the subject of such motion runs for all parties from the service by any  
388 party of notice of filing of the order disposing of the last such motion outstanding. This provision  
389 applies to a proper and timely motion:

- 390 (a) for judgment notwithstanding the verdict under Minn. R. Civ. P. 50.02;  
391 (b) to amend or make findings of fact under Minn. R. Civ. P. 52.02, whether or  
392 not granting the motion would alter the judgment;  
393 (c) to alter or amend the judgment under Minn. R. Civ. P. 52.02;  
394 (d) for a new trial under Minn. R. Civ. P. 59;  
395 (e) for relief under Minn. R. Civ. P. 60 if the motion is filed within the time for a  
396 motion for new trial; or  
397 (f) in proceedings not governed by the Rules of Civil Procedure, a proper and  
398 timely motion that seeks the same or equivalent relief as those motions listed  
399 in (a)-(e).

400 **Subd. 3. Premature Appeal.** A notice of appeal filed before the disposition of any of the  
401 above motions is premature and of no effect, and does not divest the trial court of jurisdiction to  
402 dispose of the motion. A new notice of appeal must be filed within the time prescribed to appeal the  
403 underlying order or judgment, measured from the service of notice of filing of the order disposing of  
404 the outstanding motion. If a party has already paid a filing fee in connection with a premature appeal,  
405 no additional fee shall be required from that party for the filing of a new notice of appeal or notice of  
406 review pursuant to Rule 106.

407 **RULE 104.02 EFFECT OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AND INSERTION**  
408 **OF COSTS INTO THE JUDGMENT**

409 No order made prior to the entry of judgment shall be appealable after the expiration of time  
410 to appeal from the judgment. Time to appeal from the judgment pursuant to this section shall not

411 be extended by the subsequent insertion therein of the costs and disbursements, of the prevailing  
412 party.

413 **~~RULE 104.03 SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS~~**

414 Except as otherwise provided by statute, an appeal from the final order or judgment affecting  
415 a substantial right made in an administrative or other special proceeding must be taken within the  
416 time limited for appeal from an order.

417 **~~RULE 104.04 MARITAL DISSOLUTION~~**

418 **~~Subd. 1.~~** An appeal may be taken from a judgment and decree of dissolution within 90 days  
419 after its entry, from an amended judgment and decree of dissolution within 30 days after service by  
420 the adverse party of written notice of entry, and from an order within 30 days after service by the  
421 adverse party of written notice of filing unless a different time is provided by law.

422 **~~Subd. 2.~~** The time for appeal shall run from service by the adverse party of written notice of  
423 filing of an order denying a new trial or granting or denying any of the following motions:

- 424 (a) — to amend or make additional findings of fact, whether or not an alteration of the  
425 judgment would be required if the motion is granted;  
426 (b) — to alter or amend the judgment;  
427 (c) — for modification of an order with respect to custody or visitation; or  
428 (d) — for modification of child support or of maintenance.

429 A notice of appeal filed during the pendency of any of the above motions shall be premature and shall  
430 not divest the district court of jurisdiction to dispose of the motion. A new notice of appeal must be  
431 filed within the prescribed time measured from service by the adverse party of written notice of filing  
432 of the order disposing of the motion as provided above and no additional fee shall be required for  
433 such filing. In the event a respondent is a party aggrieved by the order disposing of the motion, a  
434 notice of review pursuant to Rule 106 may be filed within the prescribed time measured from the  
435 filing of the new notice of appeal. If a notice of review has been filed, the appeal shall not be  
436 dismissed without the approval of the appellate court.

437 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

438 The 1998 amendments to this rule will significantly affect appellate practice. The rule is  
439 intended to simplify practice by establishing a 60-day period to effect appeals from both  
440 final judgments and appealable orders. This 60-day period will not necessarily result in an  
441 identical period to appeal from both an order and judgment, as the event that begins the  
442 running of the respective 60-day appeal periods usually will differ. However, the  
443 amendment will result in less confusion regarding the time period for appeal.

444 Subdivision 2 is new and enumerates the post-trial motions that will toll the running of  
445 the time to appeal. The rule serves two equally important purposes: to make it clear that an  
446 appeal is not necessary until the proper motion is decided, and to avoid a party's erroneous  
447 assumption that an improper or unauthorized motion would prevent the running of an appeal  
448 deadline. The list is intended to be exhaustive for civil actions in the district courts. Rule  
449 104.01, subd. 2(f), provides that the procedural counterparts of these motions will also  
450 prevent the running of the time to appeal until the motion is decided. The motions  
451 enumerated in this subdivision exclude "motions for reconsideration" because these motions  
452 are never required by the rules and are considered only if the trial court permits the motion to  
453 be filed. See MINN. GEN. R. PRAC. 115.11, amended in 1997, effective Jan. 1, 1998.

454 Counsel must carefully determine whether post-trial motions are authorized in certain  
455 proceedings. See *Schiltz v. City of Duluth*, 449 N.W.2d 439 (Minn. 1990) (in special

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proceedings there must be statutory authority for new trial motions, and in the absence of such a provision, a “new trial” motion, even if considered by the trial court on the merits and denied, may not result in an appealable order) and *Steeves v. Campbell*, 508 N.W.2d 817 (Minn. App. 1993) (new trial motion in order for protection proceedings not authorized, and order denying such motion is not appealable). Subdivision 2 of Rule 104.01 replaces Rule 104.04 concerning post-trial and modification motions in marital dissolutions. Modification motions no longer extend the time in which to appeal. The affect of post-trial motions is clarified in subdivisions 2 and 3.

464 **Recommendation 4:** **Revise Rule 108 to clarify effect of appeal on enforcement**  
465 **proceedings, the need to obtain a supersedeas bond, and the**  
466 **procedure to be followed.**

467 **Introduction**

468 The current provisions of Rule 108 relating to supersedeas bonds are confusing to many  
469 litigants. The rule should more clearly articulate the fact that the mere filing of an appeal does not,  
470 except where provided by statute, stay any of the proceedings in the trial court to enforce the  
471 judgment or order which has been appealed. The current rule also does not specify the procedure for  
472 obtaining a stay. Under existing case law, application for the stay is made in the first instance to the  
473 trial court, and not the appellate court, although appellate review of the trial court's action on a stay  
474 request is available under an abuse of discretion standard. The proposed amendments are intended to  
475 address these shortcomings of the existing rule.

476 **Specific Recommendation**

477 **RULE 108. SUPERSEDEAS BOND; STAYS**

478 **RULE 108.01 SUPERSEDEAS BOND**

479 **Subd. 1. Effect of Appeal; Stay.** Except in appeals under Rule 103.03(b), or as otherwise  
480 provided by law, the filing of a proper and timely appeal suspends the authority of the trial court to  
481 make any order necessarily affecting the order or judgment appealed from. The trial court retains  
482 jurisdiction as to matters independent of, supplemental to, or collateral to the order or judgment  
483 appealed from, and to enforce its order or judgment.

484 Unless otherwise provided by law, ~~An~~ a proper and timely appeal ~~from~~ does not stay an order  
485 or judgment ~~shall stay or enforcement~~ proceedings in the trial court ~~and save all rights affected by it~~  
486 ~~only if, but~~ the appellant may obtain a stay by providing a supersedeas bond or other security in the  
487 amount and form which the trial court shall order and approve, in the cases provided in this rule, or as  
488 otherwise provided by rule or statute.

489 An application to approve a supersedeas bond, or for a stay on other terms, shall be made in  
490 the first instance to the trial court. Upon motion, the appellate court may review the trial court's  
491 determination as to whether a stay is appropriate and the terms of any stay.

492 A supersedeas bond, whether approved by the trial court or appellate court, shall be filed in  
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**Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

The 1998 revisions to Rule 108 make explicit a number of principles regarding appellate jurisprudence previously found in case law. First, the mere filing of an appeal does not, except where provided by statute, rule, or case law, stay proceedings in the trial court to enforce the judgment or order which has been appealed. Second, while an appeal may (with some exceptions) suspend the authority of the trial court to modify the order or judgment appealed from, the suspension of the trial court's jurisdiction is not all-encompassing. Generally, the trial court retains authority to enforce the judgment, and to consider and rule on matters that are supplemental or collateral to the judgment. If there is uncertainty about the scope of the trial court's ongoing jurisdiction, a motion to resolve the question may be directed to the appellate court .

The posting of a supersedeas bond or a request for stay on other grounds is not required for an appeal to be perfected or proceed. However, because the order or judgment that is the subject of the appeal is not generally stayed automatically, a matter may, in some circumstances, become moot while the appeal is pending.

The revisions also set out more clearly the procedure for obtaining a stay. Application for the stay is made in the first instance to the trial court, and not the appellate court. The bond, whether approved by the trial court, or upon review by the appellate court, is still filed in the trial court, and the rule now so specifies.

514 **Recommendation 5:**            **Adopt a new Rule 114 regarding original jurisdiction of Court of**  
515    **Appeals to review validity of administrative rules.**

516 **Introduction**

517            By statute the Court of Appeals is granted original jurisdiction to review by declaratory  
518 judgment the validity of an administrative rule promulgated by a state agency. MINN. STAT. § 14.44  
519 (1996). The statute contains no provisions regarding the procedure by which this review is to be  
520 accomplished. The Court of Appeals has promulgated MINN. APP. SPEC. R. PRACT. 10, effective  
521 October 25, 1991, to provide a procedural framework for such proceedings, but the Special Rules of  
522 Practice are not routinely referred to by the practicing bar when trying to determine matters of  
523 appellate procedure. A new rule should be adopted to prescribe the procedure for obtaining review of  
524 administrative rules; a proposed rule to accomplish this follows.

525 **Specific Recommendation**

526    **RULE 114. COURT OF APPEALS REVIEW**  
527    **OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

528    **RULE 114.01 HOW OBTAINED**

529            Review by the Court of Appeals of the validity of administrative rules pursuant to Minn. Stat.  
530 § 14.44 may be obtained by:

- 531            (a) filing a petition for declaratory judgment with the clerk of the appellate courts;  
532            (b) paying the filing fee of \$250.00 to the clerk of the appellate courts, unless no fee is  
533            required pursuant to Rule 103.01, subdivision 3;  
534            (c) serving the petition upon the attorney general and the agency or body whose rule is to  
535            be reviewed;  
536            (d) filing proof of service with the clerk of the appellate courts; and  
537            (e) filing a cost bond or other security with the agency or body, unless no bond is required  
538            pursuant to Rule 107, subdivision 2, or the agency or board waives the bond.

539    **RULE 114.02 CONTENTS OF PETITION**  
540    **FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT**

541            The petition shall briefly describe the specific rule to be reviewed and the errors claimed by  
542 petitioner. An original and one copy of the completed statement of the case pursuant to Rule 133.03  
543 and a copy of the rule which is to be reviewed shall be attached to the petition. The title and form of  
544 the petition should conform to that shown in the appendix to these rules.

545 **RULE 114.03 RECORD ON REVIEW OF PETITION FOR**  
546 **DECLARATORY JUDGMENT; TRANSMISSION OF RECORD**

547 **Subd. 1. Review of the Record.** Review of the validity of administrative rules shall be on  
548 the record made in the agency rulemaking process. To the extent possible, the description of the  
549 record contained in Rule 110.01 and the provisions of Rules 110.02, 110.05, and 111 shall apply to  
550 declaratory judgment actions.

551 **Subd. 2. Transmission of Record.** Unless the time is extended by order of the court on a  
552 showing of good cause, the record shall be forwarded by the agency or body to the clerk of the  
553 appellate courts with an itemized list as described in Rule 111.01 within 30 days after service of the  
554 petition.

555 **RULE 114.04 BRIEFING**

556 Petitioner's brief and appendix shall be served and filed in accordance with Rule 131.01 and  
557 briefing shall proceed in accordance with that rule.

558 **RULE 114.05 PARTICIPANTS**

559 Persons, other than the petitioner, agency, and attorney general, may participate in the  
560 declaratory judgment action only with leave of the Court of Appeals. Permission may be sought by  
561 filing a motion with the Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 127 or Rule 129 and serving that motion  
562 upon all other parties. The motion shall describe the nature of the movant's participation below, the  
563 interest which would be represented in the declaratory judgment action, and the manner in which the  
564 rule affects the rights or privileges of the moving party.

565 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

566 By statute the Court of Appeals is granted original jurisdiction to review by declaratory  
567 judgment the validity of administrative rules promulgated by a state agency. MINN. STAT.  
568 § 14.44 (1996). The statute contains no provisions regarding the procedure by which this  
569 review is to be accomplished. The Court of Appeals promulgated MINN. APP. SPEC. R.  
570 PRACT. 10, effective October 25, 1991, to provide a procedural framework for such  
571 proceedings, but the Special Rules of Practice are not routinely referred to by the practicing  
572 bar when trying to determine matters of appellate procedure. To remedy this problem, a new  
573 rule, Rule 114, has been adopted.

574 A declaratory judgment action in the Court of Appeals is the proper method to challenge  
575 a rule prior to its application or enforcement. The grounds for challenging a rule, which  
576 must be described in the petition required by Rule 114.02, are prescribed by MINN. STAT.  
577 § 14.45 (1996). Only formally promulgated rules may be challenged in a pre-enforcement  
578 action under MINN. STAT. § 14.44. *Minnesota Educ. Ass'n v. Minnesota State Bd. of Educ.*,  
579 499 N.W.2d 846, 849 (Minn. App. 1993). This pre-enforcement challenge must be  
580 distinguished from a contested case action in which a rule is enforced against a particular  
581 party and the validity of the rule as applied to that party is adjudicated. The reasonableness  
582 of the rule as applied cannot be considered in a declaratory judgment action in the Court of  
583 Appeals, but it may be considered in a contested case proceeding. *Minnesota Ass'n of Homes*  
584 *for the Aging v. Department of Human Servs.*, 385 N.W.2d 65, 68 (Minn. App.  
585 1986).

586 **Recommendation 6:           Revise Rule 115 to modify the procedure for certiorari review of**  
587 **administrative decisions of state agencies.**

588 **Introduction**

589           The Court of Appeals and the Attorney General’s office brought to the Committee’s attention  
590 a number of problems that they experience in certiorari review of administrative decisions. These  
591 problems include failure of the party seeking review to properly serve the writ issued by the  
592 appellate court, questions regarding stays, and uncertainty regarding the composition and submission  
593 of the record for appellate review. The rule should be revised to reduce these uncertainties, and  
594 make the procedures more clear.

595 **Specific Recommendation**

596           **RULE 115. COURT OF APPEALS REVIEW OF DECISIONS OF THE**  
597 **COMMISSIONER OF JOBS AND TRAINING ECONOMIC SECURITY AND**  
598 **OTHER DECISIONS REVIEWABLE BY CERTIORARI AND REVIEW OF**  
599 **DECISIONS APPEALABLE PURSUANT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE**  
600 **PROCEDURE ACT**

601           **RULE 115.01 HOW OBTAINED; TIME FOR SECURING WRIT**

602           Review by the Court of Appeals of decisions of the Commissioner of ~~Jobs and Training~~  
603 Economic Security and other decisions reviewable by certiorari and review of decisions appealable  
604 pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act may be had by securing issuance of a writ of certiorari  
605 ~~within 30 days after the date of mailing notice of the decision to the party applying for the writ,~~  
606 ~~unless an applicable statute prescribes a different period of time. The appeal period and the acts~~  
607 required to invoke appellate jurisdiction are governed by the applicable statute.

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609           **RULE 115.03 CONTENTS OF THE PETITION AND WRIT;**  
610 **FILING AND SERVICE**

611           **Subd. 1. Contents and Form of Petition, Writ and Response.** The petition shall definitely  
612 and briefly state the decision, judgment, order or proceeding which is sought to be reviewed and the  
613 errors which the petitioner claims. A copy of the decision and ~~two copies~~ an original and one copy  
614 of a completed statement of the case pursuant to Rule 133.03 shall be attached to the petition. The  
615 title and form of the petition and writ should be as shown in the appendix to these rules. The

616 respondent's statement of the case, if any, shall be filed and served within 10 days after ~~receiving~~  
617 service of the petitioner's statement.

618 **Subd. 2. Bond or Security.** (a) The petitioner shall file with the agency or body the cost  
619 bond or other security required by statute or by the Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 107, unless no  
620 bond is required under Rule 107, subd. 2, or by statute, or the bond is waived under Rule 107, subd.  
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622 (b) The agency or body may stay enforcement of the decision in accordance with Rule 108.  
623 Application for a supersedeas bond or a stay on other terms must be made in the first instance to the  
624 agency or body. Upon motion, the Court of Appeals may review the agency's or body's decision on  
625 a stay and the terms of any stay.

626 **Subd. 3. Filing; Fees.** The clerk of the appellate courts shall file the original petition and  
627 issue the original writ. The petitioner shall pay \$250 to the clerk of the appellate courts, unless a  
628 different filing fee is required by statute no fee is required under Rule 103.01, subdivision 3, or by  
629 statute.

630 **Subd. 4. Service; Time.** The petitioner shall serve copies of the petition and the writ, if  
631 issued, upon the court agency or body to whom which it is directed and upon any every party, within  
632 30 days after the date of mailing notice of the decision to the petitioner, unless an applicable statute  
633 prescribes a different period of time. Proof of service shall be filed with the clerk of the appellate  
634 courts within 5 five days of service. A copy of the petition and writ shall be provided to the attorney  
635 general at the time of service, unless the state is neither a party nor the body to whom which the writ  
636 is directed.

637 **RULE 115.04 THE RECORD ON REVIEW BY CERTIORARI;**  
638 **TRANSMISSION OF THE RECORD**

639 **Subd. 1. General Application of Rules 110 and 111.** To the extent possible, the provisions  
640 of Rules 110 and 111 respecting the record and the time and manner of its transmission and filing or  
641 return in appeals shall govern upon the issuance of the writ and the parties shall proceed as though  
642 the appeal had been commenced by the filing of a notice of appeal, unless otherwise provided by this  
643 rule, the court or by statute. Each reference in ~~those~~ Rules 110 and 111 to the trial court, the trial  
644 court administrator, and the notice of appeal shall be read, where appropriate, as a reference to the  
645 body whose decision is to be reviewed, to the administrator, clerk or secretary thereof, and to the  
646 writ of certiorari respectively.

647 **Subd. 2. Transcript of Audiotaped Proceedings.** If a proceeding has been audiotaped and  
648 a record of the proceeding is necessary for the appeal, the relator shall order the transcript from the  
649 agency or body within 10 days after the writ of certiorari is filed. The relator shall make appropriate  
650 financial arrangements with the agency or body for the transcription. The agency or body shall  
651 designate a court reporter or other qualified person to transcribe the audiotape. The agency or body  
652 shall serve and file a transcript certificate pursuant to Rule 110.02, subdivision 2(a) within 10 days  
653 after the transcript is ordered. The reporter shall file the original and first copy of the transcript with  
654 the agency or body, deliver a copy to the attorney for each party to the appeal separately represented,  
655 and file a certificate of filing and delivery pursuant to Rule 110.02, subdivision 2(b).

656 **Subd. 3. Transmission of Record.** Within 10 days after the due date for the filing of  
657 relator's brief, the agency or body shall transmit the entire record of the proceeding under review to  
658 the clerk of the appellate courts, pursuant to Rule 111.01.

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660 **Advisory Committee Comment —1998 Amendments**

661 The amendments to this rule in 1998 update references to the Department of Economic  
662 Security, clarify that the time for appeal and jurisdictional acts are defined by statute, clarify  
663 the terms used to refer to the parties, and establish procedures for transcribing audiotapes of  
664 agency proceedings.

665 Because certiorari in Minnesota is a statutory remedy, the jurisdictional prerequisites for  
666 certiorari review are governed by the applicable statute, not by the appellate rules. Statutes  
667 governing various types of decisions reviewable by certiorari may establish different time  
668 limitations and contain different requirements for securing review by the Court of Appeals.  
669 Examples of different statutory requirements include: proceedings governed by the  
670 Administrative Procedure Act, MINN. STAT. §§ 14.63-.64 (1996) (service and filing of  
671 petition for writ of certiorari not more than 30 days after party receives final decision and  
672 order of agency; timely motion for reconsideration extends time until service of order  
673 disposing of motion); reemployment benefits proceedings, MINN. STAT. § 268.105, subd. 7  
674 (1996) (service and filing of petition for writ of certiorari within 30 days of mailing of  
675 Commissioner of Economic Security's decision); and proceedings under the general  
676 certiorari statute, MINN. STAT. §§ 606.01-.02 (1996) (issuance of writ and service of issued  
677 writ within 60 days after party applying for writ receives due notice of proceeding to be  
678 reviewed). The Rule has been modified to make clear that the applicable statutes will  
679 determine the time limitations and triggering events for review.

680 The rule has been modified to clarify the procedure for obtaining a stay of the order for  
681 which review is sought. As with other appellate proceedings, requests for stays should be  
682 addressed in the first instance to the agency or body which has issued the challenged  
683 decision.

684 A party seeking certiorari review is a petitioner unless and until the court issues a writ of  
685 certiorari. After a writ has been issued, the party seeking review is called the relator. The  
686 adverse party or parties and the agency or body whose decision is to be reviewed are the  
687 respondents.

688 Finally, the revisions clarify and make more specific the procedures for preparation and  
689 submission of the record for appellate review.

690 **Recommendation 7:           Revise Rule 117 to provide for the filing of a cross-petition for**  
691 **review, rather than a conditional petition.**

692 **Introduction**

693           Under the current rule, a party who desires Supreme Court review only if the Court takes the  
694 case on petition of another party is required to file an anticipatory petition for further review. This  
695 “conditional petition” is effective only if a “non-conditional” petition is filed. The procedure creates  
696 considerable uncertainty and unnecessary expense for litigants. An alternative procedure which  
697 allows a responding party to seek review of additional issues will resolve these concerns. The rule  
698 should be revised to follow generally the procedure contained in Rule 29.04 of the Rules of Criminal  
699 Procedure.

700 **Specific Recommendation**

701                                   **RULE 117. PETITION IN SUPREME COURT**  
702                                   **FOR REVIEW OF DECISIONS OF THE COURT OF APPEALS**

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704                                   **Subd. 3. Petition Requirements.** The petition for review shall not exceed five typewritten  
705 pages, exclusive of appendix, and shall contain:

- 706                                   (a) a statement of the legal issues sought to be reviewed, and the disposition of those  
707 issues by the Court of Appeals;  
708                                   (b) a statement of the criteria relied upon to support the petition, or other substantial and  
709 compelling reasons for review;  
710                                   (c) a statement of the case, including disposition in the trial court or administrative  
711 agency and the Court of Appeals, and of those facts not addressed by the Court of  
712 Appeals relevant to the issues presented for review, with appropriate references to  
713 the record; and  
714                                   (d) a brief argument in support of the petition.

715                                   The appendix shall contain the decision and opinion of the Court of Appeals, the judgments,  
716 orders, findings of fact, conclusions of law, and memorandum decisions of the trial court or  
717 administrative agency, pertinent trial briefs, and any portion of the record necessary for an  
718 understanding of the petition.

719                                   ~~Four~~ Eight copies of the petition and appendix shall be filed with the clerk of the appellate  
720 courts.

721                                   ~~**Subd. 4. Conditional Petition for Review.** Any party who would seek review of~~  
722 ~~designated issues if another party files a timely petition, may file a conditional petition for review.~~  
723 ~~That conditional petition shall be considered and decided by the court only in the event of the filing~~  
724 ~~of another party's petition. The conditional petition with proof of service shall be filed with the clerk~~

725 of the appellate courts within 30 days of the filing of the Court of Appeals' decision and shall comply  
726 with subd. 2 of this rule. A filing fee of \$250 shall be paid to the clerk of the appellate courts only if  
727 another party files a petition for review. If only conditional petitions are filed to review a Court of  
728 Appeals' decision, none of those petitions will be operative or decided by the court.

729 **Subd. 5 4. Response and Request for Cross-Review.** An opposing party may file with the  
730 clerk of the appellate courts a response to the petition within 20 days of service. The response shall  
731 comply with the requirements set forth for the petition and shall contain proof of service. Any  
732 responding party may, in its response, also conditionally seek review of additional designated issues  
733 not raised by the petition. In the event of such a conditional request, the party filing the initial  
734 petition for review shall not be entitled to file a response unless the court requests one on its own  
735 initiative.

736 **Subd. 6 5. Amicus Curiae.** Any applicant to participate in the appeal as amicus curiae in  
737 the event the petition for review is granted shall, upon prior notice to the parties, seek permission  
738 from the Supreme Court within the time provided in subd. 5 4 of this rule. The application shall, in  
739 other respects, comply with Rule 129.

740 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

741 The 1998 revisions to Rule 117 eliminate the provision for “conditional” petitions for  
742 review. In its stead, the revised rule allows parties to include in their responses a conditional  
743 request to the court to review additional issues only if the petition is granted. This procedure  
744 mirrors the procedure used in criminal appeals. See MINN. R. CRIM. P. 29.04, subd. 6  
745 (appeals to Court of Appeals). The revised rule does not provide for any expansion of the  
746 five-page limit for the response in order to accommodate the conditional request for review  
747 of additional issues. By the same token, the amended rule does not allow a reply by the party  
748 initially seeking review, since that party has already indicated to the court that the case  
749 satisfies some of the criteria of Rule 117.

750 A party who wishes to have issues reviewed by the Supreme Court regardless of the  
751 court’s actions on a previously filed petition should file a petition within the 30-day time  
752 limit from decision, since the court is unlikely to deny an initial petition but grant review  
753 of issues raised only conditionally in a response. Likewise, a party who would feel  
754 constrained by the page limit of a response which includes a conditional request for review  
755 of additional issues should file a separate petition for review within the time provided by  
756 Rule 117 for an initial petition, thirty days from the date of filing the Court of Appeals’  
757 decision.

758 The rule has also been amended to increase the number of copies of the petition and  
759 response from four to eight, to accommodate changes in the internal processing of the  
760 petitions by the Supreme Court.

761 **Recommendation 8:**            **Revise Rule 120 to eliminate need to name trial judge and**  
762    **otherwise clarify procedures.**

763 **Introduction**

764            The current rule lacks clarity, particularly with respect to the requirement of naming the trial  
765 judge as a party to the writ proceeding. The comparable federal appellate rule was amended to  
766 obviate suing the trial judge, and the Committee believes this change is desirable in state court  
767 practice. The rule should be revised to make the requirements of service and the proper parties to  
768 the proceedings more clear.

769 **Specific Recommendation**

770    **RULE 120. WRITS OF MANDAMUS AND PROHIBITION**  
771    **DIRECTED TO A JUDGE OR JUDGES**  
772    **AND OTHER WRITS**

773    **RULE 120.01 PETITION FOR WRIT**

774            Application for a writ of mandamus or of prohibition or for any other extraordinary writ in  
775 the Supreme Court directed to the Court of Appeals or in the Court of Appeals directed to a trial  
776 court shall be made by petition. The petition shall specify the lower court decision and the name of  
777 the judge and shall contain:

- 778            (a) a statement of the facts necessary to an understanding of the issues presented by the  
779 application;  
780            (b) a statement of the issues presented and the precise relief sought; and  
781            (c) a statement of the reasons why the extraordinary writ should issue.

782            Petitioner shall attach a copy of the trial court decision challenged in the petition, and if  
783 necessary to an understanding of the issues, additional pertinent lower court documents shall be  
784 attached to the petition.

785            The petition shall be titled “In re [name of petitioner], Petitioner,” followed by the trial court  
786 caption, and shall be captioned in the court in which the application is made, in the manner specified  
787 in Rule 120.04.

788    **RULE 120.02 SUBMISSION OF PETITION;**  
789    **ANSWER RESPONSE TO THE PETITION**

790            The petition and a proposed writ shall be served on all parties and filed with the clerk of the  
791 appellate courts, ~~captioned in the court in which the application is made, in the manner specified in~~  
792 ~~Rule 120.04.~~ If the lower court is a party, it shall be served; in all other cases, it should be notified  
793 of the filing of the petition and provided with a copy of the petition and any response. All parties

794 other than the petitioner shall be deemed respondents and may answer jointly or separately within  
795 5 five days after the service of the petition. If a respondent does not desire to respond, the clerk of  
796 the appellate courts and all parties shall be advised by letter within the 5 five-day period, but the  
797 petition shall not thereby be taken as admitted.

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## 800 **RULE 120.04 FILING; FORM OF PAPERS; NUMBER OF COPIES**

801 Upon receipt of a \$250 filing fee, the clerk of the appellate courts shall file the petition. All  
802 papers and briefs may be typewritten and in the form specified in Rule 132.02. Four copies with  
803 proof of services shall be filed with the clerk of the appellate courts, but the reviewing court may  
804 direct that additional copies be provided. Service of all papers and briefs may be made by mail. ~~The~~  
805 ~~petition shall be entitled as in the lower court.~~

### 806 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

807 The primary purpose of these amendments is to modify extraordinary writ procedure to  
808 allow a party to seek relief without requiring that party to sue the trial court. This change  
809 follows in some respects the amendments made to the federal rules of appellate procedure in  
810 1997. The rule, however, retains most of the remaining procedural requirements of the  
811 existing rule inasmuch as they work well in practice in Minnesota.

812 The rule eliminates any requirement that the trial court judge be named as a party. It is  
813 still possible to name the judge as a respondent in the writ proceeding, but this rule does not  
814 require it. This change is intended to make it less likely that the seeking of the writ will  
815 interfere with the orderly handling of ongoing proceedings in the trial court. The rule also  
816 eliminates the requirement that a proposed writ be filed because that document is of little use  
817 to the courts.

818 The forms relating to this rule are also amended as part of these changes.

819 **Recommendation 9:** **Modify Rule 128 to include federal requirement of listing most**  
820 **apposite authorities in statement of issues; move provisions of**  
821 **Rule 132.01, subd. 5 regarding letter briefs to this Rule.**

## 822 **Introduction**

823 The advisory committee has experience with briefs following the form requirements for the  
824 United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and one provision in particular is worthy of  
825 adoption by this Court for state court appeals. Eighth Cir. R. 28A(i)(4) requires briefs to include in  
826 the statement of issues the citation of the most persuasive cases, not to exceed four, that support the  
827 party's position on the issue as well as any statutory or constitutional references that are appropriate.

828 The rule provides useful information to the court and parties on first reading of the brief and does  
829 not require any unnecessary work to prepare, as the brief authors are presumably quite familiar with  
830 the authorities by the time the brief is filed. The following amendment would adopt this requirement  
831 for Minnesota briefs.

832 In addition, the provisions of Rule 132.01, subd. 5 regarding letter briefs have been moved  
833 to Rule 128.01 as a new subdivision. That rule addresses informal briefs, and the Committee felt  
834 that Rule 128 was the appropriate place for all of the different brief types to be addressed.

## 835 **Specific Recommendation**

### 836 **RULE 128. BRIEFS**

#### 837 **RULE 128.01. INFORMAL BRIEFS AND LETTER BRIEFS**

838 **Subd. 1. Informal Briefs.** Informal briefs may be authorized by the appellate court and  
839 shall contain a concise statement of the party's arguments on appeal, together with the appendix  
840 required by Rule 130.01. The informal brief shall have a cover and may be bound informally by  
841 stapling.

842 **Subd. 2. Reliance Upon Trial Court Memoranda.** If counsel elects, in the statement of the  
843 case, to rely upon memoranda submitted to the trial court supplemented by a short letter argument,  
844 the submission shall be covered and may be informally bound by stapling. The trial court  
845 submissions and decision shall be attached as the appendix.

#### 846 **RULE 128.02 FORMAL BRIEF**

847 **Subd. 1. Brief of Appellant.** The formal brief of the appellant shall contain under  
848 appropriate headings and in the form here indicated:

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(b) A concise statement of the legal issue or issues involved, omitting unnecessary detail. Each issue shall be stated as an appellate court would state the broad issue presented. Each issue shall be followed by a concise statement of the trial court's ruling and a list of the most apposite cases, not to exceed four, and the most apposite constitutional and statutory provisions.

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**Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

Rule 128.02 is amended in 1998 to add a requirement for listing the most apposite cases for each issue in the statement of issues. This rule is part of the briefing requirements for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and provides useful guidance on the issues. *See* 8th Cir. R. 28A(i)(4). MINN. R. CIV. APP. P. 128.02, subd. 2, does not expressly require a statement of issues in a responding brief, but if one is included, it should conform to this rule. In addition, the provisions concerning letter briefs formerly found in Rule 132.01, subd.5 have been moved to Rule 128.01, subd.2.

862 **Recommendation 10:** Clarify in Rule 131 the due dates for briefs, to more  
863 specifically provide procedures for extension of time to  
864 file briefs, and to reduce the number of copies of briefs  
865 that must be filed in the Court of Appeals

866 **Introduction**

867 Parties are sometimes confused regarding the timing of briefs when there are multiple parties  
868 and when the method of transcript delivery differs. The rule should be revised to clarify the impact  
869 of personal delivery of the transcript versus delivery by mail, and to make clear when the time for  
870 filing responsive briefs begins in multi-party appeals. Finally, the rules only generally address  
871 requests for extensions of time to file briefs. The rule should be revised to make the procedure and  
872 grounds more clear.

873 **Specific Recommendation**

874 **RULE 131. FILING AND SERVICE OF BRIEFS, THE APPENDIX,  
875 AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL RECORD**

876 **RULE 131.01 TIME FOR FILING AND SERVICE**

877 **Subd. 1. Appellant's Brief.** The appellant shall serve and file a brief and appendix within  
878 30 days after delivery of the transcript by the reporter or after the filing of the trial court's approval  
879 of the statement pursuant to Rules 110.03 and 110.04. If the transcript is delivered by United States  
880 Mail, three days are added to the briefing period, which is measured from the date the transcript was  
881 mailed. If the transcript is obtained prior to appeal or if the record on appeal does not include a  
882 transcript, then the appellant shall serve and file a brief and appendix with the clerk of the appellate  
883 courts within 30 days after the filing of the notice of appeal, the petition which initiates the appeal,  
884 the appellate petition for declaratory judgment, or the appellate court order granting review.

885 **Subd. 2. Respondent's Brief.** The respondent shall serve and file a brief and appendix, if  
886 any, within 30 days after service of the brief of the appellant or the last appellant's brief, if there are  
887 multiple appellants, or within 30 days after delivery of a transcript ordered by respondent pursuant  
888 to Rule 110.02, subdivision 1, whichever is later.

889 **Subd. 3. Reply Brief.** The appellant may serve and file a reply brief within ~~40~~ ten days  
890 after service of the respondent's brief or the last respondent's brief if there are multiple respondents.

891 **Subd. 4. Supplemental Record.** If a party prepares a supplemental record, the  
892 supplemental records shall be served and filed with that party's first brief.

893 **RULE 131.02 APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

894 **Subd. 1. Motion for Extension.** No extension of the time fixed by Rule 131.01 for the  
895 filing of the appellant's brief and appendix and the respondent's brief will be granted except upon a  
896 motion pursuant to Rule 127 made within the time specified for the filing of the brief. The motion

897 shall be ~~heard and~~ considered by a justice, judge or a person designated by the appellate courts,  
898 acting as a referee, and shall be granted only for good cause shown. Only an original of the motion  
899 shall be filed.

900 **Subd. 2. Procedure.** The date the brief is due shall be stated in the motion. The motion  
901 shall be supported by an affidavit which discloses facts showing that with due diligence, and giving  
902 reasonable priority to the preparation of the brief, it will not be possible to file the brief on time. All  
903 factual statements required by this rule shall be set forth with specificity.

904 **RULE 131.03 NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE FILED AND SERVED**

905 **Subd. 1. Number of Copies.** Unless otherwise specified by the appellate court, the  
906 following number of copies of each brief, appendix, and supplemental record, if any, shall be filed  
907 with the clerk of the appellate courts:

- 908 (a) In an appeal to the Supreme Court, 14 copies. Two copies of the 14 shall be unbound.  
909 (b) In an appeal to the Court of Appeals, ~~nine~~ seven copies. ~~Two copies~~ One copy of the  
910 ~~nine~~ seven shall be unbound.

911 If counsel has elected, in the statement of the case form, to rely on memoranda submitted to  
912 the trial court, supplemented by a short letter argument, the number of copies required by this rule  
913 shall be filed with the clerk of the appellate courts.

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915 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

916 This rule has been revised to make more clear the event from which the due date of the  
917 opening brief is calculated, the due date for responsive briefs, and the procedure for  
918 obtaining extensions of time to file briefs. The amended rule also reduces the number of  
919 copies of briefs that must be filed in the Court of Appeals.

920 In instances where it is not necessary to await the preparation of a transcript, the time for  
921 the opening brief begins to run when the appellate proceedings are formally commenced.  
922 When review is not as a matter of right, but depends on some grant of leave from the  
923 appellate court, the time for the opening brief does not begin to run until that permission is  
924 granted.

925 If either party has ordered a transcript, the time for the opening brief runs from the date  
926 the transcript is delivered. Consistent with Rule 125.03, three days are added to the briefing  
927 period if the transcript was delivered by United States Mail. The revised rule makes that  
928 calculation clear.

929 Generally, service of appellant's brief begins the 30-day period for the filing of  
930 respondent's brief. If respondent has ordered a transcript pursuant to Rule 110.02, subd. 1,  
931 respondent's briefing period does not begin until delivery of the transcript, if the transcript is  
932 delivered after appellant's brief is served.

933 Specific grounds for any extension of a brief due date must be shown in the affidavit  
934 accompanying the motion. Extensions of time to file briefs are not favored.

935 The rule has also been changed to reduce the number of briefs to be filed in the Court of  
936 Appeals from nine to seven. While the rule previously required two unbound copies for the  
937 Court of Appeals, it now only requires one such copy. The number of bound and unbound  
938 copies required by the Supreme Court is unchanged.

939 **Recommendation 11:** **Clarify in Rule 132 the requirement that typed material**  
940 **appear on only one side of the page and eliminate the**  
941 **requirement that parties retain in the Supreme Court the**  
942 **cover colors they used in the Court of Appeals**

943 **Introduction**

944 There continues to be considerable uncertainty among litigants as to the proper method of  
945 binding briefs and appendices. The rule should be revised to make clear those methods that are not  
946 acceptable, and to provide some guidance to parties as to what methods are approved. The rule  
947 should also be modified to expressly include the courts' required practice of having written material  
948 appear on only one side of the paper. Finally, Rule 132.01, subd. 2, creates confusion over cover  
949 color following the grant of a petition to review a decision of the Court of Appeals. The rule should  
950 be revised to eliminate that confusion.

951 **Specific Recommendation**

952 **RULE 132. FORM OF BRIEFS, APPENDICES,**  
953 **SUPPLEMENTAL RECORDS, MOTIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

954 **RULE 132.01. FORM OF BRIEFS, APPENDICES,**  
955 **AND SUPPLEMENTAL RECORDS**

956 **Subd. 1. Form Requirements.** Any process capable of producing a clear black image on  
957 white paper may be used. All material other than footnotes must appear in at least 11 point type, or  
958 its equivalent of not more than 16 characters per inch, on unglazed opaque paper. Formal briefs and  
959 accompanying appendices shall be bound together by a method which ~~satisfies the published criteria~~  
960 ~~of the Supreme Court~~ securely affixes the contents, and which is substantially equivalent to the list  
961 of approved binding methods maintained by the Clerk of Appellate Courts. Methods of binding  
962 which are not approved include stapling, continuous coil spiral binding, spiral comb bindings and  
963 similar bindings. Pages shall be 8½ by 11 inches in size with written matter not exceeding 6½ x 9½  
964 inches. Written matter shall appear on only one side of the paper. The pages of the appendix shall  
965 be separately and consecutively numbered. Briefs and appendices submitted in typewritten form  
966 shall be double spaced. Carbon copies shall not be submitted.

967 **Subd. 2. Front Cover.** The front cover of the brief and appendix shall contain:

- 968 (a) the name of the court and the appellate court docket number, which number shall be  
969 printed or lettered in bold-face print or prominent lettering and shall be located one-half inch from  
970 the top center of the cover;
- 971 (b) the title of the case;
- 972 (c) the title of the document, e.g., Appellant's Brief and Appendix; and

973 (d) the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the attorneys representing each party  
974 to the appeal, and attorney registration license numbers of the preparers of the brief.

975 The front cover shall not be protected by a clear plastic or mylar sheet.

976 If briefs are ~~produced by commercial printing or duplicating firms~~ formally bound, the cover  
977 of the brief of the appellant should be blue; that of the respondent, red; that of an intervenor or  
978 amicus curiae, green; that of any reply brief, gray. The cover of the appendix, if separately printed,  
979 should be white. The cover of an amendment or supplement should be the same color as the  
980 document which it amends or supplements. ~~In the event the Supreme Court grants a petition for  
981 review of a decision of the Court of Appeals, the covers of the briefs shall be the same color as those  
982 filed by the party in the Court of Appeals.~~

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984 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

985 Rule 132.01, subd. 1 has been modified to make clear the requirement that the written  
986 material in briefs should appear on only one side of the paper. The Clerk of Appellate  
987 Courts maintains a list of approved binding methods and this list is available upon request.

988 Rule 132.01, subd. 2 has been modified in two respects. First, the rule has been re-written  
989 to make clear that in all cases where formal bound briefs are submitted, the color coding  
990 requirements apply. The rule has also been changed to eliminate the provision regarding the  
991 color of brief covers in the Supreme Court. The rule previously provided that the parties  
992 would use the same color covers as they did in the Court of Appeals. This caused  
993 considerable confusion among the bar, and the requirement was dropped in favor of a rule  
994 that consistently requires the opening brief of the appellant to be blue, the opening brief of  
995 the party responding to that brief to be red, and reply briefs to be gray. Rule 101.02, subd. 6  
996 defines “appellant” to mean the party seeking review, including relators and petitioners.

997 MINN. STAT. § 480.0515, subd. 2 (1996), requires documents submitted by an attorney to  
998 a court of this state, and all papers appended to the document be submitted on paper  
999 containing not less than ten percent postconsumer material, as defined in MINN. STAT. §  
1000 115A.03, subd. 24b. The statute also provides that a court may not refuse a document solely  
1001 because the document was not submitted on recycled paper. Finally, subd. (3)(b) of the  
1002 statute makes the entire section nonapplicable “if recycled paper is not readily available.”

1003 **Recommendation 12:** **Clarify in Rule 137 the procedures for enforcement of**  
1004 **money judgments issued from Court of Appeals and**  
1005 **Supreme Court.**

1006 **Introduction**

1007 The current provisions of Rule 137 regarding execution on money judgments entered in the  
1008 appellate courts are cumbersome and confusing. District courts are far better suited to issuance of  
1009 process to collect money judgments, and the rule should be revised to make clear that requests for  
1010 process should be made in that forum. The rule should also be revised to provide explicitly for the  
1011 procedure to enforce money judgments granted by the appellate court in proceedings that did not  
1012 originate in the district courts.

1013 **Specific Recommendation**

1014 **RULE 137. ~~EXECUTION~~ ENFORCEMENT OF MONEY JUDGMENTS**

1015 ~~An execution to enforce any judgment of the appellate court may issue to the sheriff of any~~  
1016 ~~county in which a transcript of the judgment is filed and docketed. The execution shall be returnable~~  
1017 ~~within 60 days from its receipt by the officer. On the return of an execution satisfied in due form of~~  
1018 ~~law, the trial court administrator shall enter the satisfaction in the record.~~

1019 **Subd. 1. Cases Originating in the District Courts.** Upon transmittal as provided by Rule  
1020 136.03, money judgments entered in the appellate courts are enforceable in the district court action  
1021 as though originally entered in that court.

1022 **Subd. 2. Cases Not Originating in the District Courts.** Appellate court judgments in  
1023 cases not originating in the district courts are enforceable in the manner provided by the Uniform  
1024 Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act.

1025 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

1026 This rule is amended to improve and clarify the procedures for enforcement of money  
1027 judgments following appeal. Non-money judgments from the appellate courts are enforced  
1028 by the district court on remand according to the direction of the appellate court, while money  
1029 judgments are enforced by execution. The change essentially takes the appellate courts out  
1030 of the business of issuing process for the enforcement of money judgments, and provides for  
1031 the performance of those tasks by the district courts. A money judgment from the appellate  
1032 courts, whether for costs, damages or any other form of relief, is treated like any other  
1033 judgment in the district court and transmittal as provided for by Rule 136.03 acts as its entry.  
1034 As with any other district court judgment, an affidavit of identification of judgment debtor  
1035 and docketing are required prior to enforcement.

1036 Subdivision 2 of the rule is intended to obviate any confusion over the status of appellate  
1037 court judgments entered in original or other proceedings not originating in the district courts.

1038 Enforcement of those judgments is available in the manner provided by the Uniform  
1039 Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act, MINN. STAT. §§ 548.26–.33 (1996).

1040 **Recommendation 13:** **Clarify procedure in Rule 139 for seeking attorneys’ fees**  
1041 **on appeal**

1042 **Introduction**

1043 The current rule does not establish a specific procedure for seeking an award of attorneys’  
1044 fees on appeal. In practice, a variety of *ad hoc* procedures have been employed by litigants, and  
1045 allowed by the appellate courts. The rule should be revised to set forth clearly the procedures to be  
1046 followed in requesting fees on appeal, with careful consideration of the fact that any change in the  
1047 rule would be procedural only, and would not provide any new or additional substantive ground for  
1048 seeking such an award. The committee recommends the following amendments to accomplish these  
1049 purposes.

1050 **Specific Recommendation**

1051 **RULE 139. COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

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1053 **RULE 139.06. ATTORNEYS’ FEES ON APPEAL—PROCEDURE**

1054 **Subd. 1. Request for Fees on Appeal.** A party seeking attorneys’ fees on appeal shall  
1055 submit such a request by motion under Rule 127. The court may grant on its own motion an award  
1056 of reasonable attorneys’ fees to any party. All motions for fees must be submitted no later than  
1057 within the time for taxation of costs, or such other period of time as the court directs. All motions  
1058 for fees must include sufficient documentation to enable the appellate court to determine the  
1059 appropriate amount of fees.

1060 **Subd. 2. Response.** Any response to a motion for fees shall state the grounds for the  
1061 objections with specificity and shall be filed within ten days of the date the motion is served, unless  
1062 the appellate court allows a longer time. On the court’s own motion or the request of a party, a  
1063 request for attorneys’ fees may be remanded to the district court for appropriate hearing and  
1064 determination.

1065 **Subd. 3. Applications for Pre-Decision Awards of Fees.** Where allowed by law, a pre-  
1066 decision application for fees, and any response to such an application, may be made by motion as  
1067 provided by Rule 127.

1068 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

1069 The rule has been amended to provide a procedure for seeking attorneys’ fees in the  
1070 appellate courts. The amendments are procedural only, and do not provide a substantive  
1071 basis for claiming fees on appeal.

1072 Attorneys’ fees on appeal may be allowed as a matter of substantive law or as a sanction.  
1073 If a party seeks an award of attorneys’ fees for work done on the appeal, as opposed to  
1074 seeking appellate court affirmance of an award made below, the party should seek the award

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in the appellate court. *Johnson v. City of Shorewood*, 531 N.W.2d 509, 511 (Minn. App. 1995). The appellate court may choose to remand the issue to the trial court for a determination of the fees, *see Richards v. Richards*, 472 N.W.2d 162, 166 (Minn. App. 1991); *Katz v. Katz*, 380 N.W.2d 527, 531 (Minn. App. 1986), *aff'd*, 408 N.W.2d 835, 840 (Minn. 1987); or may refuse such a suggestion, and make the determination itself. *See State Bank v. Ziehwein*, 510 N.W.2d 268, 270 (Minn. App. 1994); *Norwest Bank Midland v. Shinnick*, 402 N.W.2d 818 (Minn. App. 1987).

The request for fees must include sufficient information to enable the appellate court to determine the appropriate amount of fees. This generally will include specific descriptions of the work performed, the number of hours spent on each item of work, the hourly rate charged for that work, and evidence concerning the usual and customary charges for such work, or if the basis for the fees is other than hourly, information by which the court can judge the propriety of the request. Where appropriate, copies of bills submitted to the client, redacted if necessary to preserve privileged information and work-product, may be submitted with the motion.

1090 **Recommendation 14:** **Adopt new provisions to define when *pro hac vice***  
1091 **admission is required and how it is obtained, to establish a**  
1092 **procedure for withdrawal of counsel, and provide for**  
1093 **certified student practitioners.**

1094 **Introduction**

1095 The Committee considered a number of issues relating to the role of attorneys in the appellate  
1096 process. The Committee recommends that a new subdivision of Rule 143 be adopted to establish a  
1097 specific procedure for applying for admission *pro hac vice*. In addition, the rule specifies that *pro*  
1098 *hac vice* is required of a non-admitted attorney seeking to argue a case in either the Minnesota Court  
1099 of Appeals or Minnesota Supreme Court. The rule also establishes an explicit procedure for  
1100 withdrawal of attorneys and admission of students certified to practice under the Minnesota Student  
1101 Practice Rules.

1102 **Specific Recommendations**

1103 **RULE 143. PARTIES; SUBSTITUTION; ATTORNEYS**

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1105 **RULE 143.05 ATTORNEYS**

1106 **Subd. 1. Admission Required; Admission Pro Hac Vice.** All pleadings filed with the  
1107 appellate courts must be signed by an attorney licensed to practice in this State, or admitted *pro hac*  
1108 *vice* to practice before the appellate courts. No attorney may present argument to the appellate  
1109 courts unless licensed to practice in this State or admitted *pro hac vice* to appear before the appellate  
1110 court as provided for by this rule.

1111 An attorney licensed to practice law in Minnesota may move for the admission *pro hac vice*  
1112 of an attorney admitted to practice law in another state or territory. The motion shall be  
1113 accompanied by an affidavit of the attorney seeking *pro hac vice* admission attesting that he or she is  
1114 a member in good standing of the bar of another state or territory.

1115 **Subd. 2. Withdrawal of Attorneys.** (a) After a lawyer has appeared for a party in the  
1116 appellate courts, withdrawal will be effective only if written notice of withdrawal is served on the  
1117 client and all parties who have appeared, or their lawyers if represented by counsel, and is filed with  
1118 the Clerk of Appellate Courts. The notice of withdrawal shall state the address at which the client  
1119 can be served and the address and phone number at which the client can be notified of matters  
1120 relating to the appeal and shall be accompanied by proof of service.

1121 (b) Withdrawal of an attorney does not create any right to extend briefing deadlines or  
1122 postpone argument.

1123 **Subd. 3. Certified Students.** A law student who is certified pursuant to the Minnesota  
1124 Student Practice Rules may present oral argument only with leave of the appellate court. A motion

1125 for leave to present oral argument must be filed no later than 10 days before the date of the  
1126 scheduled oral argument. The student may participate in oral argument only in the presence of the  
1127 attorney of record.

1128 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

1129 This rule is amended to provide explicitly for admission of out-of-state attorneys,  
1130 withdrawal of attorneys, and appearance by certified students. Out-of-state attorneys may be  
1131 admitted *pro hac vice* upon motion by a Minnesota attorney. Courts have the inherent power  
1132 to establish rules for admission and regulation of lawyers appearing before them. This rule is  
1133 consistent with that power. The Minnesota Legislature has specifically recognized that  
1134 formal admission *pro hac vice* exempts the lawyer from any concern about the unauthorized  
1135 practice of law. See MINN. STAT. § 481.02, subd. 6 (1996). This rule is generally consistent  
1136 with the rules used in the trial courts. See MINN. GEN. R. PRAC. 5, though that rule does not  
1137 mandate a specific procedure.

1138 The revised rule specifically prescribes when out-of-state lawyers must be admitted *pro*  
1139 *hac vice*. Attorneys seeking to argue orally and those actually signing pleadings or briefs  
1140 must be admitted; others appearing on the brief may wish to seek admission, but admission is  
1141 not mandatory.

1142 The rule does not require the motion for admission *pro hac vice* be brought at any  
1143 particular time, but it should be brought sufficiently in advance of the time that a brief is to  
1144 be submitted or argument is to be made so as to allow the appellate court to consider the  
1145 motion and act upon it. Similarly, the rule does not provide for any responsive papers. In  
1146 the unusual case that a motion for *pro hac vice* admission is opposed, the party opposing the  
1147 motion should submit the opposition within the time for responding to any other motion.

1148 Although the amended rule permits withdrawal upon notice to the court, counsel, and  
1149 client, withdrawal should not impose any additional burdens on opposing parties or the court.  
1150 It is imperative that the notice provide basic information to allow the court and opposing  
1151 counsel to notify and serve the party whose counsel withdraws. This procedure is consistent  
1152 with the procedure under MINN. GEN. R. PRAC. 108. Just as parties may elect to proceed *pro*  
1153 *se* in the first instance, they may continue to represent themselves where their lawyers have  
1154 withdrawn. This rule establishes the procedure for withdrawal of counsel; it does not itself  
1155 authorize withdrawal nor does it change the rules governing a lawyer's right or obligation to  
1156 withdraw in any way. The rule does not affect or lessen a lawyer's obligations to the client  
1157 upon withdrawal. Those matters are governed by the Minnesota Rules of Professional  
1158 Conduct. See MINN. R. PROF. COND. 1.16.

1159 The rule makes it clear that the withdrawal of counsel does not, in itself, justify extension  
1160 of the appellate deadlines or the postponement of argument. The existence of these  
1161 impending deadlines should, however, be considered by counsel in determining if  
1162 withdrawal can be effected without prejudicing the client. Withdrawal or substitution of  
1163 counsel may be part of a set of circumstances justifying the exercise of the court's discretion  
1164 to grant an extension or postponement.

1165 The Minnesota Student Practice Rules allow certified law students to perform all  
1166 functions that an attorney may perform in representing and appearing on behalf of a client.  
1167 See MINN. R. STUDENT PRAC. 1.01 & 2.01. A motion is required to argue orally in the  
1168 appellate courts.

1169 **Recommendation 15:** **Make stylistic or minor phrasing amendments in some**  
1170 **rules**

1171 **Introduction**

1172 The Committee also recommends a number of miscellaneous housekeeping amendments.  
1173 None of these proposals will impact established procedural or substantive law, but they will,  
1174 hopefully, make the established practices more clear and easier for counsel to follow. Each of the  
1175 miscellaneous recommendations is self-explanatory.

1176 **Specific Recommendations**

1177 **RULE 103. APPEAL—HOW TAKEN**

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1179 **RULE 103.01 MANNER OF MAKING APPEAL**

1180 **Subd. 1. Notice of Appeal and Filings.** An appeal shall be made by filing a notice of  
1181 appeal with the clerk of the appellate courts and serving the notice on the adverse party or parties  
1182 within the appeal period. The notice shall contain:

- 1183 (a) a statement specifying the judgment or order from which the appeal is taken; and  
1184 (b) the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of opposing counsel, indicating the  
1185 parties they represent.

1186 The notice shall be accompanied by:

- 1187 ~~(a)~~ (c) proof of service on the adverse party or parties; and  
1188 ~~(b)~~ (d) proof of service filing on with the trial court administrator of the trial court in which  
1189 the judgment or order appealed from is entered or filed;  
1190 ~~(c)~~ a statement specifying and describing the judgment or order from which the appeal  
1191 is taken; and  
1192 ~~(d)~~ the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of opposing counsel and the parties they  
1193 represent.

1194 The appellant shall simultaneously file the following with the clerk of the appellate courts:

- 1195 (1) two copies of the notice of appeal,  
1196 (2) a certified copy of the judgment or order from which the appeal is taken,  
1197 (3) two copies of the statement of the case required by Rule 133.03, and  
1198 (4) a filing fee of \$250;.

1199 ~~and~~ The appellant shall file the following simultaneously with the trial court administrator:

- 1200 ~~(5)~~ (1) a copy of the notice of appeal, and  
1201 ~~(6)~~ (2) the cost bond required by Rule 107, or written waiver of it; ~~and~~  
1202 ~~(7)~~ the supersedeas bond, if any, required by Rule 108.

1203 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

1204 The additional language in the first paragraph of the rule is intended to clarify the steps  
1205 that must be taken to invoke appellate jurisdiction. Timely filing the notice of appeal with

1206 the clerk of the appellate courts and timely service on the adverse party are the jurisdictional  
1207 steps required to initiate an appeal. Failure of an appellant to take any step other than the  
1208 timely filing and service of the notice of appeal does not affect appellate jurisdiction, but is  
1209 ground only for such action as the appellate court deems appropriate, which may include  
1210 dismissal of the appeal. The reference to supersedeas bonds previously contained in the rule  
1211 has been deleted, in light of the concurrent revisions made to Rule 108, which clarify the  
1212 timing and procedure regarding filing supersedeas bonds.

## 1213 RULE 105. DISCRETIONARY REVIEW

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### 1215 RULE 105.02 CONTENT OF PETITION; RESPONSE

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1217 A copy of the order from which the appeal is sought and any findings of fact, conclusions  
1218 of law, ~~and~~ or memorandum of law relating to it shall be attached to ~~each~~ the petition. Any adverse  
1219 party may, within 7 five days after service of the petition, serve and file with the clerk of the  
1220 appellate courts four copies of a response to the petition. Any reply shall be served within two days  
1221 after service of the response. All papers may be typewritten.

1222 The petition and any response shall be submitted without oral argument unless otherwise  
1223 ordered.

#### 1224 Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments

1225 The rule has been amended to change the responsive time from seven to five days to be  
1226 consistent with the time to file a response to a petition for an extraordinary writ and to a  
1227 motion. *See* MINN. R. CIV. APP. P. 120.02, 127. The two-day period to file a reply is added  
1228 to be consistent with the provision for a reply in the rule on motions. *See* MINN. R. CIV. APP.  
1229 P. 127. Because intervening weekends and holidays are not counted when the time for  
1230 response is less than 7 days, the change will not shorten the time for response, and may  
1231 actually lengthen it in some cases. *See* MINN. R. CIV. APP. P. 126.01.

## 1232 RULE 106. RESPONDENT'S RIGHT TO OBTAIN REVIEW

1233 A respondent may obtain review of a judgment or order entered in the same action which  
1234 may adversely affect ~~him~~ respondent by filing a notice of review with the clerk of the appellate  
1235 courts. The notice of review shall specify the judgment or order to be reviewed, shall be served and  
1236 filed within 15 days after service of the notice of appeal, and shall contain proof of service. A filing  
1237 fee of \$100 shall accompany the notice of review.

#### 1238 Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments

1239 This rule is amended to delete gender-specific language. This amendment is not intended  
1240 to affect the interpretation and meaning of the rule.

1241                   RULE 107. BOND OR DEPOSIT FOR COSTS

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1243                   **Subd. 2. When Bond Not Required.** No cost bond is required:

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1245                   ~~(f) — the appeal has been remanded to the trial court or agency for further proceedings and,~~  
1246 ~~upon completion of those proceedings, the appeal is renewed; or~~

1247                   (gf) when the appellant is a party to a public assistance appeal pursuant to Minnesota  
1248 Statutes, Chapter 256; or

1249                   (hg) when the appellant is an ~~unemployment compensation~~ reemployment insurance  
1250 benefits claimant pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 268.

1251                   Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments

1252                   Deletion of section (f) mirrors the deletion of the automatic waiver of the filing fee when  
1253 an appeal is filed after a remand. *See* MINN. R. CIV. APP. P. 103.03, subd. 3(f). Unless the  
1254 cost bond from the first appeal remains on deposit, the respondent in the second appeal still  
1255 needs the protection of a cost bond. Changes in (h) reflect the current terminology.

1256                   RULE 110. THE RECORD ON APPEAL

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1258                   **RULE 110.02 THE TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS;**  
1259                   **DUTY OF APPELLANT TO ORDER; NOTICE TO RESPONDENT**  
1260                   **IF PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT IS ORDERED; DUTY OF REPORTER;**  
1261                   **FORM OF TRANSCRIPT**

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1263                   **Subd. 2. Transcript Certificates.**

1264                   (a) If any part of the proceedings is to be transcribed by a court reporter, a certificate as  
1265 to transcript signed by the designating counsel and by the court reporter shall be filed with the clerk  
1266 of the appellate courts, with a copy to the trial court and all counsel of record within 10 days of the  
1267 date the transcript was ordered. The certificate shall contain the date on which the transcript was  
1268 requested; the estimated number of pages; the estimated completion date not to exceed 60 days; ~~and~~  
1269 a statement that satisfactory financial arrangements have been made for the transcription; and the  
1270 court reporter's address and telephone number.

1271                   (b) Upon delivery filing of the transcript with the trial court administrator and delivery  
1272 to the appellant counsel of record, the reporter shall file with the clerk of the appellate courts a  
1273 certificate evidencing the date of filing and delivery. The certificate shall identify the transcript(s)  
1274 delivered; specify the dates of filing of the transcript with the trial court administrator and delivery

1275 to counsel; and shall indicate the method of delivery. The certificate shall also contain the court  
1276 reporter's address and telephone number.

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1278 **Subd. 4. Transcript Requirements.** The transcript shall be typewritten on 8 ½ by 11 inch  
1279 or 8 ½ by 10 ½ inch unglazed opaque paper with double spacing between each line of text, shall be  
1280 bound at the left-hand margin, and shall contain a table of contents. To the extent possible, the  
1281 transcript of a trial or other single court proceeding shall be consecutively paginated, regardless of  
1282 the number of volumes. The name of each witness shall appear at the top of each page containing  
1283 that person's testimony. A question and its answer may be contained in a single paragraph. The  
1284 original and final copy of the transcript shall be filed with the trial court administrator and a copy  
1285 shall be transmitted promptly to the attorney for each party to the appeal separately represented. All  
1286 copies must be legible. The reporter shall certify the correctness of the transcript.

1287 The transcript should include transcription of any testimony given by audiotape, videotape,  
1288 or other electronic means unless that testimony has previously been transcribed, in which case the  
1289 transcript shall include the existing transcript of testimony, with appropriate annotations and  
1290 verification of accuracy, as part of the official trial transcript.

1291 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

1292 Subdivision 2 is divided into two sections to emphasize that the court reporter has to file  
1293 both a transcript certificate and a certificate of filing and delivery, each with different  
1294 requirements. Court reporters sometimes do not include their telephone number on the  
1295 certificates, which makes it difficult for the clerk's office to contact them if there is a  
1296 problem with the certificate. The proposed amendment includes the reporter's telephone  
1297 number as one of the pieces of information that must be included on the certificate.

1298 Currently, the delivery certificates filed by most reporters only specify the date that the  
1299 transcript was filed with the trial court administrator, together with a general statement that  
1300 the transcript was "transmitted promptly" to counsel. The clerk's office uses the filing date  
1301 as the delivery date for the purpose of calculating the briefing period, which may not be  
1302 accurate if the reporter does not deliver the transcript on the same day filed. In addition, the  
1303 certificates usually do not indicate the method of delivery. This makes a difference for  
1304 calculation of the briefing period, because if the transcript is delivered by mail, three days are  
1305 added to the briefing period. See MINN. R. CIV. APP. P. 125.03. The amended rule  
1306 introduces the certificate of filing and delivery, which must specify the dates the transcript  
1307 was filed with the court administrator and delivered to counsel. This certificate may show  
1308 delivery by hand, by courier, or may show mailing. The court reporter and counsel should  
1309 insure that the certificate accurately reflects the date and method of delivery of the transcript,  
1310 because those factors determine the due date of appellant's brief. See MINN. R. CIV. APP. P.  
1311 125.03, 131.01.

1312 Subdivision 4 includes a new requirement that the transcript be paginated consecutively,  
1313 to the extent possible. This requirement is intended to reduce the number of transcripts  
1314 requiring complicated citation forms. The goal is to have consecutive pagination of the  
1315 entire trial, and any pretrial proceedings that immediately precede the trial as well as any  
1316 other portions of the transcript that are ordered at the same time. If multiple court reporters  
1317 were involved in transcribing the proceedings, various segments of the transcript can be  
1318 assigned blocks of numbers so that pagination will be consecutive, albeit with potential for  
1319 "missing" numbers. In that event, the transcript should clearly show that the missing  
1320 numbers are intentionally omitted and identify the correct following transcript page number.  
1321 There may be situations where it is impossible to paginate the transcript in this manner, and  
1322 the rule recognizes such occasions may exist. The Committee believes that consecutive  
1323 pagination should become the norm for transcripts, however, and this rule should make  
1324 consecutive pagination the standard practice of court reporters.

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The rule also includes the requirement that videotaped depositions must be transcribed unless the court reporter provides an existing transcript of the videotape testimony, verifying its accuracy.

*See* Appendix for form of certificate as to transcript and certificate of filing and delivery (Forms 110A and 110B).

1330 **RULE 110.03 STATEMENT OF THE PROCEEDINGS WHEN NO**  
1331 **REPORT WAS MADE OR WHEN THE TRANSCRIPT IS UNAVAILABLE**

1332 If no report of all or any part of the proceedings at a hearing or trial was made, or if a  
1333 transcript is unavailable, the appellant may, ~~within 15 days after service of the notice of appeal,~~  
1334 prepare a statement of the proceedings from the best available means, including recollection. The  
1335 statement is not intended to be a complete re-creation of testimony or arguments.

1336 Appellant shall file the original proposed statement with the trial court administrator and the  
1337 clerk of the appellate courts, and serve a copy on respondent, within 15 days after filing the notice of  
1338 appeal. The statement shall be served on the respondent, who may serve objections or propose  
1339 amendments within 15 days after service. Within 15 days after service of appellant's statement,  
1340 respondent may file with the trial court administrator and the clerk of the appellate courts objections  
1341 or proposed amendments, and serve a copy on appellant.

1342 ~~The statement and any objections or proposed amendments then shall be submitted to the trial~~  
1343 ~~court, and the statement as approved by the trial court shall be included in the record. The trial court~~  
1344 ~~may approve the statement submitted by appellant, or modify the statement based on respondent's~~  
1345 ~~submissions or the court's own recollection of the proceedings. The statement as approved by the~~  
1346 ~~trial court shall be included in the record. The trial court's approval of the statement shall be filed~~  
1347 ~~with the clerk of the appellate courts w~~Within 60 days of the filing of the notice of appeal, the  
1348 original trial court approval of the statement shall be filed with the trial court administrator and  
1349 copies of the approval shall be served on counsel for the parties and filed with the clerk of the  
1350 appellate court.

1351 **Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

1352 The statement of the proceedings under Rule 110.03 may not be used if a transcript is  
1353 available. The use of an agreed statement as the record under Rule 110.04 is restricted to  
1354 situations where the parties agree on the essential facts and the portions of the record  
1355 necessary for appellate review.

1356 It was not clear under the former rule who was responsible for submitting the proposed  
1357 statement and any objections to the trial court, or what the time period for the submission  
1358 was. Under the amended rule, each party is responsible for filing their documents with the  
1359 trial court administrator at the same time that the documents are served.

1360 The amendment requires service of the proposed statement and objections on the clerk of  
1361 the appellate courts, to allow the clerk's office to monitor whether the statement is being  
1362 processed in a timely fashion. In addition, the amendment clarifies that the original approval  
1363 is to be filed with the trial court administrator, with copies to counsel and the clerk of the  
1364 appellate courts. Under the rule, the original statement and approval were filed with the  
1365 clerk of the appellate courts. The amendment requires that the original be filed with the trial  
1366 court administrator, because it is part of the record of the proceedings.

1367 The amendment is also intended to clarify that the trial court is not bound by the parties'  
1368 submissions but may modify the statement based on the court's own recollection.

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RULE 130. THE APPENDIX TO THE BRIEFS;  
SUPPLEMENTAL RECORD

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**RULE 130.01 RECORD NOT TO BE PRINTED;  
APPELLANT TO FILE APPENDIX**

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**Subd. 1. Record; Portions.** The record shall not be printed. The appellant shall prepare and file an appendix to its brief. The appendix shall be separately and consecutively numbered and shall contain the following portions of the record:

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(h) the notice of appeal; and

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(i) if the constitutionality of a statute is challenged, proof of compliance with Rule

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144.04; and

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(ij) the index to the documents contained in the appendix.

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The parties shall have regard for the fact that the entire record is always available to the appellate court for reference or examination and shall not engage in unnecessary reproduction.

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**Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

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Rule 144.04 requires notice to be provided to the Attorney General when the constitutionality of a statute is challenged. The amended rule requires the party challenging the constitutionality to include in the appendix proof of compliance with the rule.

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RULE 132. FORM OF BRIEFS, APPENDICES,  
SUPPLEMENTAL RECORDS, MOTIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

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**Rule 132.01. Form of Briefs, Appendices, and Supplemental Records**

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~~Subd. 5. Reliance Upon Trial Court Memoranda. If counsel elects, in the statement of the case, to rely upon memoranda submitted to the trial court supplemented by a short letter argument, the submission shall be covered and may be informally bound by stapling. The trial court submissions and decision shall be attached as the appendix.~~

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**Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments**

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Subdivision 5 of this Rule has been moved to Rule 128.01, subd. 2.

1397 RULE 134. ORAL ARGUMENT

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1399 **RULE 134.09 ORAL ARGUMENT—PLACE OF ARGUMENT**

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1401 **Subd. 2. Court of Appeals.** Argument to the Court of Appeals shall take place in the  
1402 Minnesota Judicial Center in St. Paul or as specifically provided in this rule.

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1404 (b) Arguments on writs of certiorari to review decisions of the Commissioner of ~~Jobs and~~  
1405 ~~Training~~ Economic Security shall be heard as follows:

1406 Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments

1407 The rule has been amended to use the correct title of the Commissioner of Economic  
1408 Security. The change is not intended to affect the meaning or interpretation of the rule.

1409 **RULE 136 NOTICE OF DECISION;**  
1410 **JUDGMENT; REMITTITUR**

1411 **RULE 136.01 DECISION**

1412 **Subd. 1. Written Decision.**

1413 (a) Each Court of Appeals disposition shall be written in the form of a ~~statement of the~~  
1414 ~~decision, accompanied by an opinion containing a summary of the case and the reasons for the~~  
1415 ~~decision; however if the appeal is dismissed for failure to comply with these rules or if the court~~  
1416 ~~determines that the contents of the statement of the decision sufficiently explain the disposition~~  
1417 ~~made, no written opinion need be prepared~~ published opinion, unpublished opinion, or an order  
1418 opinion.

1419 (b) ~~An order statement of the decision without written opinion shall not be officially~~  
1420 ~~published and shall not be cited as precedent, except as law of the case, res judicata or collateral~~  
1421 ~~estoppel.~~

1422 (b) Unpublished opinions and order opinions are not precedential except as law of the case,  
1423 res judicata or collateral estoppel, and may be cited only as provided in Minn. Stat. § 480A.08, subd.  
1424 3 (1996).

1425 Advisory Committee Comment—1998 Amendments

1426 This rule is amended to remove any specific form requirements for Court of Appeals  
1427 decisions. It embodies the different types of opinions issued by the court. The rule removes  
1428 the prohibition against citation of order opinions in subd. (b) and treats both unpublished  
1429 opinions and order opinions identically in the new subd. (b). It permits citation of these  
1430 opinions in accordance with MINN. STAT. § 480A.08, subd. 3 (1996).

1431 **Recommendation 16: The forms should be updated to reflect these amendments.**

1432 **Introduction**

1433 This recommendation should be self-explanatory. As other rules are amended, the forms that  
1434 accompany them in the Appendix should be amended as well. Additionally, the forms are amended  
1435 to incorporate their actual use in the courts. The Statement of the Case is made more detailed to  
1436 provide more information to the courts.

1437 **Specific Recommendation**

1438 Amend the following forms as indicated below:

1439	FORM 133	STATEMENT OF THE CASE
1440	FORM 110A	CERTIFICATE AS TO TRANSCRIPT
1441	FORM 110B	CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND DELIVERY
1442	FORM 115A	PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
1443	FORM 115B	WRIT OF CERTIORARI
1444	FORM 120A	PETITION FOR WRIT OF PROHIBITION
1445	FORM 120B	ORDER FOR WRIT OF PROHIBITION
1446	FORM 120C	WRIT OF PROHIBITION
1447	FORM 114	PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT
1448	FORM 139	TAXATION OF COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

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**FORM 133. STATEMENT OF THE CASE**  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
IN (SUPREME COURT  
OR  
IN COURT OF APPEALS)

1454 CASE TITLE:

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1457 Appellant,

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1459 vs.

1460 \_\_\_\_\_

1461 Respondent.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE OF  
(APPELLANT) (RESPONDENT)

TRIAL COURT CASE NUMBER:

APPELLATE COURT CASE NUMBER:

1462 **1. Court or agency of case origination and name of presiding judge or hearing officer.**

1463 **2. Jurisdictional statement**

1464 (A) Appeal from district court.

1465 Statute, rule or other authority authorizing appeal:

1466 Date of entry of judgment or date of service of notice of filing of order from which  
1467 appeal is taken:

1468 Authority fixing time limit for filing notice of appeal (specify applicable rule or  
1469 statute):

1470 Date of filing any motion that tolls appeal time:

1471 Date of filing of order deciding tolling motion and date of service of notice of  
1472 filing:

1473 (B) Certiorari appeal.

1474 Statute, rule or other authority authorizing certiorari appeal:

1475 Authority fixing time limit for obtaining certiorari review (cite statutory section and  
1476 date of event triggering appeal time, e.g., mailing of decision, receipt of decision, or  
1477 receipt of other notice):

1478 (C) Other appellate proceedings.

1479 Statute, rule or other authority authorizing appellate proceeding:

1480 Authority fixing time limit for appellate review (cite statutory section and date of  
1481 event triggering appeal time, e.g., mailing of decision, receipt of decision, or receipt  
1482 of other notice):

1483 (D) Finality of order or judgment.

1484 Does the judgment or order to be reviewed dispose of all claims by and against all  
1485 parties, including attorney fees? Yes ( ) No ( )

1486 If no:

1487 Did the district court order entry of a final partial judgment for immediate appeal  
1488 pursuant to MINN. R. CIV. APP. P. 104.01? Yes ( ) No ( ) or

1489 If yes, provide date of order :

1490 If no, is the order or judgment appealed from reviewable under any exception  
1491 to the finality rule? Yes ( ) No ( )

1492 If yes, cite rule, statute, or other authority authorizing appeal:

1493 (E) Criminal only:

1494 Has a sentence been imposed or imposition of sentence stayed? Yes ( ) No ( )

1495 If no, cite statute or rule authorizing interlocutory appeal:

1496 **3. State type of litigation and designate any statutes at issue.**

1497 **4. Brief description of claims, defenses, issues litigated and result below. For criminal**  
1498 **cases, specify whether conviction was for a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony**  
1499 **offense.**

1500 **5. List specific issues proposed to be raised on appeal.**

1501 **6. Related appeals.**

1502 List all prior or pending appeals arising from the same action as this appeal. If none, so state.

1503 List any known pending appeals in separate actions raising similar issues to this appeal. If  
1504 none are known, so state.

1505 **6.7. Contents of record.**

1506 Is a transcript ~~required~~ necessary to review the issues on appeal? Yes ( ) No ( )

1507 If ~~so~~ yes, full ( ) or partial ( ) transcript?

1508 Has the transcript already been delivered to the parties and filed with the trial court  
1509 administrator? Yes ( ) No ( )

1510 If not, has it been ordered from the court reporter? Yes ( ) No ( )

1511 If a transcript is unavailable, is a statement of the proceedings under Rule 110.03 necessary?  
1512 Yes ( ) No ( )

1513 In lieu of the record as defined in Rule 110.01, have the parties agreed to prepare a  
1514 statement of the record pursuant to Rule 110.04? Yes ( ) No ( )

1515 **78. Is oral argument requested? Yes ( ) No ( )**

1516 If so, is argument requested at a location other than that provided in Rule 134.09, subd. 2?  
1517 Yes ( ) No ( )

1518 If yes, state where argument is requested:

1519 **8.** Are formal briefs necessary? \_\_\_\_\_ or

1520 Are trial memoranda, supplemented by a short letter argument, sufficient? \_\_\_\_\_

1521 (If the latter form is selected, it is the duty of counsel to provide the appellate court with the  
1522 number of copies required by Rule 131.01 and in the form required by Rule 132.01, all endorsed  
1523 with the appellate court docket number.)

1524 **9. Identify the type of brief to be filed.**

1525 Formal brief under Rule 128.02. ( )

1526 Informal brief under Rule 128.01, subd. 1 (must be accompanied by motion to  
1527 accept unless submitted by claimant for reemployment benefits). ( )

1528 Trial memoranda, supplemented by a short letter argument, under Rule 128.01,  
1529 subd. 2. ( )

1530 **910. Names, addresses, zip codes and telephone numbers of attorney for appellant and**  
1531 **respondent.**

1532 NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP CODE, TELEPHONE  
1533 NUMBER, AND ATTORNEY REGISTRATION  
1534 LICENSE NUMBER OF ATTORNEY(S) FOR  
1535 (APPELLANT) (RESPONDENT)

1536 \_\_\_\_\_  
1537 SIGNATURE

1538 OR, IF NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL:

1539 NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP CODE AND  
1540 TELEPHONE NUMBER OF (APPELLANT)  
1541 (RESPONDENT)

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1543 SIGNATURE (OF APPELLANT) (OF  
1544 RESPONDENT)

1545 **Dated:**

1546 (The Statement of Case is not a jurisdictional document, but it is important to the proper and  
1547 efficient processing of the appeal by the appellate courts. The "jurisdictional statement" section is  
1548 intended to provide sufficient information for the appellate court to easily determine whether the  
1549 order or judgment is appealable and if the appeal is timely. The nature of the proceedings below and

1550 the notice of appeal determine the jurisdiction of the appellate court. The sections requesting  
1551 information about the issues litigated in the lower court or tribunal, and the issues proposed to be  
1552 raised on appeal are for the court's information, and do not expand or limit the issues that might be  
1553 addressed on appeal. Likewise, the section asking counsel to identify any prior or pending appeals  
1554 from the same case, and any separate appeals that raise similar issues is intended to provide more  
1555 information about the procedural history of the case and to ensure that the court has early notice of  
1556 other pending related matters in case consolidation is appropriate.)

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**FORM 110A. CERTIFICATE  
AS TO TRANSCRIPT**

(to be filed with the clerk of the appellate  
courts within 10 days from the date  
the transcript was ordered)

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT COURT  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY COURT  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASE TITLE:

Plaintiff,

vs.

Defendant.

CERTIFICATE AS  
TO TRANSCRIPT

\_\_\_\_\_ Supreme Court  
\_\_\_\_\_ Court of Appeals  
APPELLATE COURT  
CASE NUMBER:

TRIAL COURT CASE NUMBER:

TO: Clerk of the Appellate Courts  
Minnesota Judicial Center  
St. Paul, MN 55155

A transcript of the proceedings held on \_\_\_\_\_ (specify dates) in the above-entitled  
action was requested by counsel for the ~~defendant~~ (specify party) on ( date ) in accordance with  
Rule 110.02, subdivision 2 of the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure. The estimated number of  
pages is (number) and the estimated date of completion is \_\_\_\_\_, a date not to exceed 60  
days from the date of request.

Satisfactory financial arrangements have been made between counsel and the court reporter  
for the transcription.

DATED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF COURT REPORTER

1590 ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

1591 cc: Trial Court Administrator of Record  
1592 All Counsel of Record

1593 (Rule 110.02, subdivision 2, requires a certificate as to transcript if any part of the proceedings are  
1594 to be transcribed by a court reporter. The original copy of the certificate shall be filed with the clerk  
1595 of the appellate courts, with a copy to the trial court administrator and all counsel of record and shall  
1596 be filed with the clerk of the appellate courts within 10 days from the date the transcript was  
1597 ordered.)



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**FORM 115A. PETITION FOR  
WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
IN COURT OF APPEALS

1636 CASE TITLE:

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PETITION FOR WRIT  
OF CERTIORARI

1639 ~~Employee-~~  
1640 Relator,

COURT OF APPEALS  
NUMBER:

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1642 vs.

~~DEPARTMENT OF  
JOBS AND TRAINING  
(AGENCY OR BODY)~~

NUMBER:  
DATE OF MAILING NOTICE  
OF DECISION:

1643 ~~Employer-~~  
1644 Respondent,

DATE AND DESCRIPTION OF  
EVENT TRIGGERING APPEAL  
TIME (for example, mailing of  
decision, receipt of decision, or  
receipt of other notice):

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1647 ~~Commissioner of~~  
1648 ~~Jobs and Training~~  
1649 ~~(Agency or Body),~~  
1650 Respondent.

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1655 TO: The Court of Appeals of the State of Minnesota:

1656 The above-named relator hereby petitions the Court of Appeals for a Writ of Certiorari to  
1657 review a decision of the ~~Commissioner of Jobs and Training (agency or body)~~ filed and mailed  
1658 issued on the date noted above, upon the grounds that ~~it is not in conformity with the provisions of~~  
1659 Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 268, and is unwarranted by the evidence (specify grounds and statute  
1660 authorizing certiorari review).

1661 DATED:

1662 NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP CODE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND OF RELATOR:  
1663 (ATTORNEY REGISTRATION LICENSE NUMBER IF REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL) OF  
1664 ATTORNEY(S) FOR RELATOR:

1665 \_\_\_\_\_  
1666 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

1667 OR, IF NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL:

1668 NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP CODE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF RELATOR:

1669 \_\_\_\_\_  
1670 SIGNATURE OF RELATOR

1671 (The procedure for obtaining a writ of certiorari from the Court of Appeals is set forth in the  
1672 applicable statutes and in Rule 115, Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure. The ~~rule~~ applicable statutes  
1673 prescribes the subject matter of writs in the Court of Appeals, ~~the manner of securing a writ,~~ time  
1674 limitations, ~~contents of the petition, bond or security, filing and fees,~~ and requirements for service.  
1675 The rule prescribes the manner of securing a writ, contents of the petition, bonds, filing and fees, and  
1676 preparation of the record. ~~Two copies~~ An original and one copy of a completed statement of the case  
1677 must accompany the petition.

1678 The date of the event that triggered the appeal period must be indicated on the petition. The nature  
1679 of this event varies, depending on the requirements of the statute authorizing certiorari review in the  
1680 Court of Appeals. See MINN. R. CIV. APP. P. 115 comment.)

1681 **FORM 115B. WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

1682 STATE OF MINNESOTA  
1683 IN COURT OF APPEALS

1684 CASE TITLE:

WRIT OF CERTIORARI

1685 Relator,

1687 vs.

COURT OF APPEALS  
NUMBER:

1689 Respondent,

~~DEPARTMENT OF  
JOBS AND TRAINING~~  
(AGENCY OR BODY)

1691 ~~Commissioner of~~  
1692 ~~Jobs and Training~~  
1693 ~~(Agency or Body),~~  
1694 Respondent.

NUMBER:

DATE OF MAILING NOTICE  
OF DECISION

1697 TO: ~~Minnesota Department of Jobs and Training;~~  
1698 (Agency or Body)

1699 You are hereby ordered to return to the Court of Appeals within ~~30 days from this date~~ 10  
1700 days after the date relator's brief is due the record, exhibits and proceedings in the above-entitled  
1701 matter so that this court may review the decision of the ~~Commissioner of Jobs and Training~~ filed and  
1702 ~~mailed~~ (agency or body) issued on the date noted above.

1703 Copies of this writ and accompanying petition shall be served forthwith either personally or  
1704 by mail upon the ~~Commissioner of Jobs and Training~~ respondent (agency or body) and upon the  
1705 ~~Employer~~ respondent or its attorney at:

1706 \_\_\_\_\_  
1707 \_\_\_\_\_  
1708 (address)

1709 Proof of service shall be filed with the clerk of the appellate courts.

1710 DATED:

1711 Clerk of Appellate Courts

1712 (Clerk's File Stamp)

1713 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
1714 Assistant Clerk

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**FORM 120A. PETITION FOR WRIT OF PROHIBITION**

1716 (Form is renumbered, without other change.)

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**FORM 120B. ORDER FOR WRIT  
OF PROHIBITION**

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
IN COURT OF APPEALS

1721 ~~CASE TITLE:~~

1722 ~~Petitioner,~~

1723 ~~vs.~~

~~APPELLATE COURT CASE  
NUMBER:~~

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1725 ~~Respondent.~~

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ORDER

1727 ~~Upon the petition of (name) for a writ of prohibition, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:~~

1728 1. That the writ be, and the same is, issued and that the \_\_\_\_\_ Court, \_\_\_\_\_  
1729 Division, County of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial District, upon receipt of the writ of prohibition,  
1730 grant the relief requested in the petition.

1731 2. The petitioner shall forthwith serve copies of this order on \_\_\_\_\_, attorney  
1732 for respondent, and on \_\_\_\_\_, Judge of said \_\_\_\_\_ Court.

1733 ~~DATED:~~

1734 ~~BY THE COURT:~~

1735 \_\_\_\_\_  
1736 ~~Judge or Justice~~

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**FORM 120C. WRIT OF PROHIBITION**

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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IN COURT OF APPEALS

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~~CASE TITLE:~~

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~~Petitioner,~~

1742

~~vs.~~

~~APPELLATE COURT CASE~~

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~~NUMBER:~~

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~~Respondent.~~

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WRIT OF PROHIBITION

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~~The State of Minnesota to the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Judge of \_\_\_\_\_ Court,~~

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~~\_\_\_\_\_ Division, County of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial District:~~

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~~WHEREAS, upon consideration of the petition of (name) and the answer of respondent (name) this Court has determined that petitioner is entitled to the relief requested in said petition,~~

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~~NOW, THEREFORE, We do command and direct that you immediately upon receipt of a copy of this writ vacate and set aside your order of (date), and that you grant to said petitioner the relief requested in his petition of (date). Copies of this writ shall be served forthwith by mail by petitioner upon you and proof of service filed herein.~~

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~~Witness the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of Minnesota, and the seal of this Court, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.~~

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Clerk of Appellate Courts

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**FORM 114. PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT**

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
IN COURT OF APPEALS

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1761 CASE TITLE:

1762 Petitioner,

PETITION FOR DECLARATORY  
JUDGMENT

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1764 vs.

COURT OF APPEALS NUMBER:

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1766 Agency or Body,

AGENCY OR BODY NUMBER:

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1767 Respondent.

1768 TO: The Court of Appeals of the State of Minnesota

1769 The above-named petitioner hereby petitions the Court of Appeals pursuant to Minn. Stat. §  
1770 14.44 for a declaratory judgment determining the validity of a rule adopted by (agency) on (date),  
1771 upon the grounds that the rule (is unconstitutional/exceeds the statutory authority of the agency/was  
1772 adopted without compliance with statutory rule-making procedures).

1773 DATED:

1774 NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP CODE AND  
1775 TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PETITIONER  
1776 (ATTORNEY REGISTRATION NUMBER  
1777 IF REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL)

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1779 SIGNATURE

1780 (The procedure for obtaining a declaratory judgment on the validity of an administrative rule from  
1781 the Court of Appeals is set forth in Rule 114, Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure. The rule  
1782 prescribes the manner of obtaining review, contents of the petition, filing fees, and service  
1783 requirements for obtaining review. An original and one copy of a completed statement of the case  
1784 must accompany the petition.)

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FORM 139-TAXATION OF COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

STATE OF MINNESOTA

SUPREME COURT  
 COURT OF APPEALS

<b>CASE TITLE</b>	<b>APPELLATE COURT CASE NUMBER:</b>	<b>NOTICE, STATEMENT AND CLAIM OF COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS INCURRED BY PREVAILING PARTY</b>
		Prevailing Party:
		<input type="checkbox"/> APPELLANT <input type="checkbox"/> RESPONDENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELATOR

**COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Statutory Costs . . . . .	\$ 300.00	Printing Appellant's brief and Appendix . . . . .	\$ _____
Clerk of The Appellate Courts Filing Fee (\$250.00) - Appellant only . . . . .	\$ _____	Postage and Express . . . . .	\$ _____
Transcript of case used for appeal to Appellate Courts only . . . . .	\$ _____	Premium on appeal bond . . . . .	\$ _____
Printing of Respondent's brief . . . . .	\$ _____	Other . . . . .	\$ _____
			Total \$ _____

The above bill of Costs and Disbursements taxed and allowed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Frederick K. Grittner BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Appellate Courts Assistant Clerk

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

Being duly sworn, I the attorney for the prevailing party in the above-entitled action, state that the above is a true and correct statement of costs incurred and disbursements made by the prevailing party in that action.

<b>NOTARY STAMP, SIGNATURE AND DATE:</b>	Respectfully,
_____	_____
Dated	Attorney's Name
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Signature	Address
_____	_____
	Signature

**NOTICE TO ATTORNEY FOR ADVERSE PARTY(S):**

Costs and disbursements will be taxed pursuant to Rule 139.03 (Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure), objections thereto may be filed pursuant to Rule 139.04

**ADVERSE PARTY(S) BEING TAXED:**

ATTORNEY	ATTORNEY
For _____ (Name of Party)	For _____ (Name of Party)
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