RAP RULE 10.2
TIME FOR FILING BRIEFS

(a) Brief of Appellant or Petitioner. The brief of an appellant or petitioner should be filed with the appellate court within 45 days after the report of proceedings is filed in the trial court; or, if the record on review does not include a report of proceedings, within 45 days after the party seeking review has filed the designation of clerk's papers and exhibits.

(b) Brief of Respondent in Civil Case. The brief of a respondent in a civil case should be filed with the appellate court within 30 days after service of the brief of appellant or petitioner.

(c) Brief of Respondent in Criminal Case. The brief of a respondent in a criminal case should be filed with the appellate court within 60 days after service of the brief of appellant or petitioner.

(d) Reply Brief. A reply brief of an appellant or petitioner should be filed with the appellate court within 30 days after service of the brief of respondent unless the court orders otherwise.

(e) [Reserved; see rule 10.10]

(f) Brief of Amicus Curiae. A brief of amicus curiae not requested by the appellate court should be received by the appellate court and counsel of record for the parties and any other amicus curiae not later than 30 days before oral argument or consideration on the merits, unless the court sets a later date or allows a later date upon a showing of particular justification by the applicant.

(g) Answer to Brief of Amicus Curiae. A brief in answer to the brief of amicus curiae may be filed with the appellate court not later than the date fixed by the appellate court.

(h) Service of Briefs. At the time a party files a brief, the party should serve one copy on every other party and on any amicus curiae, and file proof of service with the appellate court. In a criminal case in which the defendant is the appellant, appellant's counsel shall serve the appellant and file proof of service with the appellate court. Service and proof of service should be made in accordance with rules 18.5 and 18.6.

(i) Sanctions for Late Filing and Service. The appellate court will ordinarily impose sanctions under rule 18.9 for failure to timely file and serve a brief.

References

Rule 18.6, Computation of Time, (c) Filing by mail.

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