

**RAP 12.5**  
**MANDATE**

**(a) Mandate Defined.** A "mandate" is the written notification by the clerk of the appellate court to the trial court and to the parties of an appellate court decision terminating review. No mandate issues for an interlocutory decision of the appellate court.

**(b) When Mandate Issued by Court of Appeals.** The Clerk of the Court of Appeals will issue the mandate for a Court of Appeals decision terminating review upon stipulation of the parties that no motion for reconsideration or petition for review will be filed. In the absence of that stipulation, and except to the extent the mandate is stayed as provided in rule 12.6, the clerk will issue the mandate:

(1) Thirty (30) days after the decision is filed, unless (i) a motion for reconsideration of the decision or a motion to publish has been earlier filed, (ii) a petition for review to the Supreme Court has been earlier filed, or (iii) the decision is a ruling of the commissioner or clerk and a motion to modify the ruling has been earlier filed.

(2) If a motion for reconsideration or motion to publish is timely filed, 30 days after expiration of the time for filing a petition for review under rule 13.4(a).

(3) If a petition for review has been timely filed and denied by the Supreme Court, upon denial of the petition for review.

**(c) When Mandate Issued by Supreme Court.**

(1) The clerk of the Supreme Court issues the mandate for a Supreme Court decision terminating review upon stipulation of the parties that no motion for reconsideration will be filed.

(2) In the absence of such a stipulation, except in a case in which the penalty of death is to be imposed, the clerk issues the mandate twenty days after the decision is filed, unless (i) a motion for reconsideration has been earlier filed, or (ii) the decision is a ruling of the commissioner or clerk and a motion to modify the ruling has been earlier filed. If a motion for reconsideration is timely filed and denied, the clerk will issue the mandate upon filing the order denying the motion for reconsideration.

(3) In a case in which the penalty of death is to be imposed, unless the parties stipulate to earlier issuance of the mandate, the clerk will issue the mandate upon the expiration of the time for applying for review by the United States Supreme Court, or, if such an application is timely filed, upon receipt of the Supreme Court's order disposing of the matter.

**(d) Copies Provided in Criminal Case.** When the appellate court remands a criminal case to the trial court, the clerk of the appellate court shall transmit a copy of the mandate to the presiding judge of the trial court, to trial counsel of record, and to the clerk of the trial court.

**(e) Certificate of Finality.** A Certificate of Finality is the written notification by the clerk of the appellate court to the trial court and to the parties of the completion of the proceeding in the appellate court when review is not accepted. The clerk of the Court of Appeals will issue the

Certificate of Finality 30 days after the decision is filed unless (i) a motion to modify has been earlier filed or (ii) a motion for discretionary review to the Supreme Court has been earlier filed.

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