

# THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUGGESTED )  
AMENDMENTS TO RAP 10.2—TIME FOR FILING )  
BRIEFS )  
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## ORDER

NO. 25700-A-1581

The Washington State Court of Appeals’ Rules Committee, having recommended the suggested amendments to RAP 10.2—Time for Filing Briefs, and the Court having approved the suggested amendments for publication;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

(a) That pursuant to the provisions of GR 9(g), the suggested amendments as attached hereto are to be published for comment in the Washington Reports, Washington Register, Washington State Bar Association and Administrative Office of the Court's websites in January 2025.

(b) The purpose statement as required by GR 9(e) is published solely for the information of the Bench, Bar and other interested parties.

(c) Comments are to be submitted to the Clerk of the Supreme Court by either U.S. Mail or Internet E-Mail by no later than April 30, 2025. Comments may be sent to the following addresses: P.O. Box 40929, Olympia, Washington 98504-0929, or [supreme@courts.wa.gov](mailto:supreme@courts.wa.gov). Comments submitted by e-mail message must be limited to 1500 words.

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DATED at Olympia, Washington this 11th day of July, 2024.

For the Court

  
González, C.J.

## **GR 9 COVER SHEET**

### **Suggested Amendment**

#### **Rules of Appellate Procedure**

#### **Rule 10.2 – Time for Filing Briefs**

**A. Proponent:** Washington State Court of Appeals Rules Committee

**B. Spokesperson:** Judge Bradley Maxa, Chair

**C. Purpose:** The proposed amendment to RAP 10.2(a) asks the court to adopt a 60-day deadline for filing opening briefs. This matches the time given to respondents in criminal cases under RAP 10.2(c), and better captures the time and effort required to draft an opening brief from a bare record.

**D. Hearing:** Not requested.

**E. Expedited Consideration:** Not requested.

**F. Supporting Material:** Suggested rule amendment.

**RAP 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~~ 60 days after the report of proceedings is filed in the appellate 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 in the trial court.