

**RAP 12.4**  
**MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION**  
**TERMINATING REVIEW**

**(a) Generally.** A party may file a motion for reconsideration only of a decision by the judges (1) terminating review, or (2) granting or denying a personal restraint petition on the merits. The motion should be in the form and be served and filed as provided in rules 17.3(a), 17.4(a) and (g), 18.5, and 18.17, except as otherwise provided in this rule. A party may not file a motion for reconsideration of a decision by a single judge. A party may not file a motion for reconsideration of an order refusing to modify a ruling by the commissioner or clerk, nor may a party file a motion for reconsideration of a Supreme Court order denying a petition for review.

**(b) Time.** The party must file the motion for reconsideration within 20 days after the decision the party wants reconsidered is filed in the appellate court.

**(c) Content.** The motion should state with particularity the points of law or fact which the moving party contends the court has overlooked or misapprehended, together with a brief argument on the points raised.

**(d) Answer and Reply.** A party should not file an answer to a motion for reconsideration or a reply to an answer unless requested by the appellate court.

**(e) Length.** The motion, answer, or reply should comply with the limitations in RAP 18.17.

**(f) No Oral Argument.** A motion for reconsideration will be decided without oral argument.

**(g) Grant of Motion.** If a motion for reconsideration is granted, the appellate court may (1) modify the decision without new argument, (2) call for new argument, or (3) take such other action as may be appropriate.

**(h) Only One Motion Permitted.** Each party may file only one motion for reconsideration, unless the appellate court withdraws its opinion and files a subsequent opinion. Any party adversely affected by the subsequent opinion may file a motion for reconsideration.

**(i) Amicus Curiae Memoranda.** When a motion for reconsideration has been filed, the appellate court may grant permission to file an amicus curiae memorandum for the purpose of addressing the court regarding the soundness of legal principles announced in the course of the opinion. Absent a showing of particular justification, an amicus curiae memorandum should be received by the court and counsel of record for the parties and any other amicus curiae not later than 5 days after the motion for reconsideration has been filed. Rules 10.4 and 10.6 should govern generally disposition of a motion to file an amicus curiae memorandum, except that no answer to an amicus curiae memorandum should be filed unless requested by the court. An amicus curiae memorandum or answer should comply with the length limitations in RAP 18.17.

References

Rule 17.3, Content of Motion, (a) Generally; Rule 17.4, Filing and Service of Motion--Response to Motion, (a) Filing and service generally, (g) Form of papers and number of copies; Rule 18.8, Waiver of Rules and Extension and Reduction of Time.

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