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# **APPEALING THE DECISION IN AN INFRACTION CASE**

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## 1 What does this information sheet cover?

This information sheet tells you about appeals in infraction cases. It is only meant to give you a general idea of the appeal process, so it does not cover everything you may need to know about appeals in infraction cases. To learn more, you should read rules 8.900–8.929 of the California Rules of Court, which set out the procedures for infraction appeals. You can get these rules at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/rules](http://www.courts.ca.gov/rules).

## 2 What is an infraction?

Infractions are crimes that can be punished by a fine, traffic school, or some form of community service but not by time in jail or prison. (See Penal Code sections 17, 19.6, and 19.8. You can get a copy of these laws at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>.) Examples of infractions are many traffic violations for which you can get a ticket or violations of some city or county ordinances for which you can get a citation. If you were also charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor, then your case is a misdemeanor case, not an infraction case.

## 3 What is an appeal?

An appeal is a request to a higher court to review a ruling or decision made by a lower court. **In an infraction case, the court hearing the appeal is the appellate division of the superior court, and the lower court—called the “trial court” in this information sheet—is the superior court.**

It is important to understand that **an appeal is NOT a new trial**. The appellate division will not consider new evidence, such as the testimony of new witnesses or new exhibits. The appellate division’s job is to review a record of what happened in the trial court and the trial court’s decision to see if certain kinds of legal errors were made in the case:

- **Prejudicial error:** The party that appeals (called the “appellant”) may ask the appellate division to determine if an error was made about either the law or court procedures in the case that caused substantial harm to the appellant (this is called

For information about appeal procedures in other cases, see:

- *Information on Appeal Procedures for Misdemeanors* (form CR-131-INFO)
- *Information on Appeal Procedures for Limited Civil Cases* (form APP-101-INFO)

You can get these forms at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms).

“prejudicial error”). Prejudicial error can include things like errors made by the judge about the law or errors or misconduct by the lawyers that harmed the appellant. When it conducts its review, the appellate division presumes that the judgment, order, or other decision being appealed is correct. It is the responsibility of the appellant to show the appellate division that an error was made and that the error was harmful.

- **No substantial evidence:** The appellant may also ask the appellate division to determine if there was substantial evidence supporting the judgment, order, or other decision being appealed. When it conducts its review, the appellate division only looks to see if there was evidence that reasonably supports the decision. The appellate division generally will not reconsider the trial court’s conclusion about which side had more or stronger evidence or whether witnesses were telling the truth or lying.

**The appellate division generally will not overturn the judgment, order, or other decision being appealed unless the record clearly shows that one of these legal errors was made.**

## 4 Do I need a lawyer to appeal?

You do not *have* to have a lawyer; you are allowed to represent yourself in an appeal in an infraction case. But appeals can be complicated, and you will have to follow the same rules that lawyers have to follow. If you have any questions about the appeal procedures, you should talk to a lawyer. You will need to hire a lawyer yourself if you want one. You can get information about finding a lawyer on the California Courts Online Self-Help Center at [www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-lowcosthelp.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-lowcosthelp.htm).



If you are representing yourself, you must put your address, telephone number, fax number (if available), and e-mail address (if available) on the cover of every document you file with the court and let the court know if this contact information changes so that the court can contact you if needed.

### 5 Who can appeal?

Only a party in the trial court case can appeal a decision in that case. You may not appeal on behalf of a friend, a spouse, a child, or another relative.

The party that is appealing is called the APPELLANT; in an infraction case, this is usually the party convicted of committing the infraction. The other party is called the RESPONDENT; in an infraction case, this is usually the government agency that filed the criminal charges (on court papers, this party is called the People of the State of California).

### 6 Can I appeal any decision that the trial court made?

No. Generally, you may appeal only a final judgment of the trial court—the decision at the end that decides the whole case. The final judgment includes the punishment that the court imposed. Other rulings made by the trial court before final judgment cannot be separately appealed, but can be reviewed only later as part of an appeal of the final judgment. In an infraction case, the party that was convicted of committing an infraction usually appeals that conviction or the sentence (the fine or other punishment) ordered by the trial court. In an infraction case, a party can also appeal from an order made by the trial court after judgment that affects a substantial right of the appellant (Penal Code section 1466(2)(B). You can get a copy of this law at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>.)

### 7 How do I start my appeal?

First, you must file a notice of appeal. The notice of appeal tells the other party in the case and the trial court that you are appealing the trial court's decision. You may use *Notice of Appeal and Record on Appeal (Infraction)* (form CR-142) to prepare and file a notice of appeal in an infraction case. You can get

form CR-142 at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm).

### 8 Is there a deadline for filing my notice of appeal?

Yes. In an infraction case, you must file your notice of appeal within **30 days** after the trial court makes (“renders”) its judgment in your case or issues the order you are appealing. The date the trial court makes its judgment is normally the date the trial court orders you to pay a fine or orders other punishment in your case (sentences you). **This deadline for filing the notice of appeal cannot be extended. If your notice of appeal is late, the appellate division will not be able to consider your appeal.**

### 9 How do I file my notice of appeal?

To file the notice of appeal in an infraction case, you must bring or mail the original notice of appeal to the clerk of the trial court in which you were convicted of the infraction. It is a good idea to bring or mail an extra copy to the clerk and ask the clerk to stamp it to show that the original has been filed.

There is no fee for filing the notice of appeal in an infraction case. You can ask the clerk of that court if there are any other requirements for filing your notice of appeal.

After you file your notice of appeal, the clerk will send a copy of your notice to the office of the prosecuting attorney (for example, the district attorney, county counsel, city attorney, or state Attorney General).

### 10 If I file a notice of appeal, do I still have to pay my fine or complete other parts of my punishment?

**Filing the notice of appeal does NOT automatically postpone the deadline for paying your fine or completing any other part of your sentence.** To postpone your sentence, you must ask the trial court for a “stay” of the judgment. If you want a stay, you must first ask the trial court for a stay. You can also apply to the appellate division for a stay, but you must show in your application to the appellate division that you first asked the trial court for a stay and that the trial court



unjustifiably denied your request. Your fine or other parts of your punishment will not be postponed unless the trial court or appellate division grants a stay. If you do not get a stay and you do not pay your fine or satisfy another part of your sentence by the date ordered by the court, a warrant may be issued for your arrest or a civil collections process may be started against you, which could result in a civil penalty being added to your fine.

### **11 Is there anything else I need to do when I file my notice of appeal?**

Yes. When you file your notice of appeal, you must tell the trial court (1) whether you have agreed with the respondent (“stipulated”) that you do not need parts of the normal record on appeal, and (2) whether you want a record of what was said in the trial court (this is called a record of the “oral proceedings”) sent to the appellate division and, if so, what form of that record you want to use. *Notice of Appeal and Record on Appeal (Infraction)* (form CR-142) includes boxes you can check to tell the court whether and how you want to provide this record.

### **12 In what cases does the appellate division need a record of the oral proceedings?**

You do not *have* to send the appellate division a record of what was said in the trial court. But if you want to raise any issue in your appeal that would require the appellate division to consider what was said in the trial court, the appellate division will need a record of these oral proceedings. For example, if you are claiming that there was not substantial evidence supporting the judgment, order, or other decision you are appealing, the appellate division will need a record of the oral proceedings. Since the appellate division judges were not there for the proceedings in the trial court, an official record of these proceedings must be prepared and sent to the appellate court for its review.

Depending on what form of the record you choose to use, you will be responsible for paying to have the official record of the oral proceedings prepared (unless you are indigent) or for preparing an initial draft of the record yourself. If you do not take care of these responsibilities, a record of the oral proceedings in the trial court will not be prepared and sent to the appellate division. If the appellate division does not receive the

record, it will not be able to consider what was said in the trial court in deciding whether a legal error was made and it may dismiss your appeal.

### **13 What are the different forms of the record?**

There are three ways a record of the oral proceedings in a trial court can be prepared and provided to the appellate division in an infraction case:

- a. You can use a *statement on appeal*.
- b. If the proceedings were officially electronically recorded, the trial court can have a transcript prepared from the recording or, if the court has a local rule permitting this and all the parties agree (“stipulate”), you can use the official electronic recording itself as the record, instead of a transcript.
- c. If a court reporter was there during the trial court proceedings, the reporter can prepare a record called a “*reporter’s transcript*.”

Read below for more information about these options.

#### **a. Statement on appeal**

**Description:** A statement on appeal is a summary of the trial court proceedings approved by the trial court judge who conducted the trial court proceedings (the term “judge” includes commissioners and temporary judges).

**When available:** If the trial court proceedings were not recorded either by a court reporter or by official electronic recording equipment or if you do not want to use either of these forms of the record, you can choose (“elect”) to use a statement on appeal as the record of the oral proceedings in the trial court (please note that it may take more of your time to prepare a statement on appeal than to use either a reporter’s transcript or electronic recording, if they are available).

**Contents:** A statement on appeal must include:

- A statement of the points you (the appellant) are raising on appeal;
- A summary of the trial court’s rulings and judgment; and



- A summary of the testimony of each witness and other evidence that is relevant to the issues you are raising on appeal.

(See rule 8.916 of the California Rules of Court for more information about what must be included in a statement on appeal and the procedures for preparing a statement. You can get a copy of this rule at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/rules](http://www.courts.ca.gov/rules).)

**Preparing a proposed statement:** If you choose to use a statement on appeal, you must prepare a proposed statement. If you are not represented by a lawyer, you must use *Proposed Statement on Appeal (Infraction)* (form CR-143) to prepare your proposed statement. You can get form CR-143 at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms).

**Serving and filing a proposed statement:** You must serve and file your proposed statement within 20 days after you file your notice of appeal. “Serve and file” means that you must:

- Have somebody over 18 years old mail, deliver, or electronically send (“serve”) the proposed statement to the prosecuting attorney and any other party in the way required by law. If the proposed statement is mailed or personally delivered, it must be by someone who is not a party to the case—so not you. If the prosecuting attorney did not appear in your case, you do not need to serve the prosecuting attorney.
- Make a record that the proposed statement has been served. This record is called a “proof of service.” *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109) or *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E) can be used to make this record. The proof of service must show who served the proposed statement, who was served with the proposed statement, how the proposed statement was served (by mail, in person, or electronically), and the date the proposed statement was served.
- File the original proposed statement and the proof of service with the trial court. You should make a copy of the proposed statement you are planning to file for your own records before you file it with the court. It is a good idea to bring or mail an extra copy of the proposed statement to the clerk when you file your original and ask the

clerk to stamp this copy to show that the original has been filed.

You can get more information about how to serve court papers and proof of service from *What Is Proof of Service?* (form APP-109-INFO) and on the California Courts Online Self-Help Center at [www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-serving.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-serving.htm).

**Review and modifications:** The prosecuting attorney and any other party have 10 days from the date you serve your proposed statement to serve and file proposed changes (called “amendments”) to this statement. The trial judge then reviews both your proposed statement and any proposed amendments filed by the prosecuting attorney and any other party. The judge will then make or order you to make any corrections or modifications to the proposed statement that are needed to make sure that the statement provides a complete and accurate summary of the relevant testimony and other evidence.

**Completion and certification:** If the judge makes or orders you to make any corrections or modifications to the proposed statement, the corrected or modified statement will be sent to you, the prosecuting attorney, and any other party for your review. If you disagree with anything in the judge’s statement, you will have 10 days from the date the statement is sent to you to serve and file objections to the statement. The judge then reviews any objections, makes any additional corrections to the statement, and certifies the statement as a complete and accurate summary of the relevant testimony and other evidence.

**Sending the statement to the appellate division:**

Once the trial judge certifies the statement on appeal, the trial court clerk will send the statement to the appellate division along with the clerk’s transcript.

#### **b. Official electronic recording or transcript from official recording**

**When available:** In some infraction cases, the trial court proceedings are officially recorded on approved electronic recording equipment. If your case was officially recorded, you can ask to have a transcript prepared for the appellate division from the official electronic recording of the proceedings. You should check with the trial court to see if your case was officially electronically recorded before you choose this option. Some courts also have local



rules that establish procedures for deciding whether a statement on appeal or a transcript of only some of the oral proceedings will be a good enough record to consider the issues you are raising on appeal. You should check whether the court has such a local rule.

If the court has a local rule for the appellate division permitting this and all the parties agree (“stipulate”), a copy of the official electronic recording itself can be used as the record of these oral proceedings instead of preparing a transcript. You should check with the trial court to see if your case was officially electronically recorded and check to make sure that there is a local rule permitting the use of the recording itself before choosing this option. If you choose this option, you must attach a copy of your agreement with the other parties (called a “stipulation”) to your notice regarding the oral proceedings.

**Cost:** Ordinarily, the appellant must pay for preparing the transcript or making a copy of the official electronic recording. The court will send you an estimate of the cost for this transcript or the copy of the electronic recording. If you still want this transcript or recording, you must deposit this amount with the court. However, you can also choose to use a statement on appeal instead, or take one of the other actions listed in rule 8.917.

If, however, you are indigent (you cannot afford to pay the cost of the transcript or electronic recording), you may be able to get a free transcript or official electronic recording. You can complete and file *Defendant’s Financial Statement on Eligibility for Appointment of Counsel and Reimbursement and Record on Appeal at Public Expense* (form CR-105) to show that you are indigent. You can get form CR-105 at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms). The court will review this form to decide whether you are indigent.

If you are indigent, an official electronic recording of your case was made, and you show that you need a transcript, the court must provide you with a free transcript. Whether you need a transcript depends on the issues you are raising on appeal. If the issues you are raising on appeal include that there was not substantial evidence supporting the judgment, order, or other decision you are appealing or that there was

misconduct in your case that harmed you, that is generally enough to show that you need a transcript. If you ask for a transcript, the court may ask you what issues you are raising on appeal and may decide that a statement on appeal or a transcript of only some of the oral proceedings will be a good enough record to consider the issues you are raising.

If the court finds that you are not indigent, it will send you a notice and you will have a chance to use a statement on appeal instead or take one of the other actions listed in rule 8.917.

**Completion and delivery:** Once you deposit the estimated cost of the transcript or official electronic recording with the clerk or show the court you are indigent and need a transcript, the clerk will have the transcript or copy of the recording prepared. When the transcript is completed or the copy of the official electronic recording is prepared, the clerk will send the transcript or recording to the appellate division along with the clerk’s transcript.

### c. Reporter’s transcript

**When available:** In some infraction cases, a court reporter is there in the trial court and makes a record of the oral proceedings. If a court reporter made a record of your case, you can ask to have the court reporter prepare a transcript of those oral proceedings, called a “reporter’s transcript.” You should check with the trial court to see if a court reporter made a record of your case before you choose this option. Some courts also have local rules that establish procedures for deciding whether a statement on appeal or a transcript of only some of the oral proceedings will be a good enough record to consider the issues you are raising on appeal. You should check whether the court has such a local rule.

**Cost:** Ordinarily, the appellant must pay for preparing a reporter’s transcript. The court reporter will provide the clerk of the trial court with an estimate of the cost of preparing the transcript, and the clerk will notify you of this estimate. If you want the reporter to prepare a transcript, you must deposit this estimated amount or one of the substitutes allowed under rule 8.919 with the clerk within 10 days after the clerk sends you the estimate. However, under rule 8.919 you can decide to use a different form of the record or take other action instead of proceeding with a reporter’s transcript.



If, however, you are indigent (you cannot afford to pay the cost of the reporter's transcript), you may be able to get a free transcript. You can complete and file *Defendant's Financial Statement on Eligibility for Appointment of Counsel and Reimbursement and Record on Appeal at Public Expense* (form CR-105) to show that you are indigent. You can get form CR-105 at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms). The court will review this form to decide whether you are indigent.

If the court finds that you are indigent, a court reporter made a record of your case, and you show that you need a transcript, the court must provide you with a free transcript. Whether you need a transcript depends on the issues you are raising on appeal. If the issues you are raising on appeal include that there was not substantial evidence supporting the judgment, order, or other decision you are appealing or that there was misconduct in your case that harmed you, that is generally enough to show that you need a transcript. If you ask for a reporter's transcript, the court may ask you what issues you are raising on appeal and may decide that a statement on appeal or a transcript of only some of the oral proceedings will be a good enough record to consider the issues you are raising.

If the court finds that you are not indigent, it will send you a notice and you will have a chance to pick another form of the record or take other actions listed in rule 8.919.

**Completion and delivery:** Once you deposit the estimated cost of the transcript or one of the substitutes allowed under rule 8.919 or show the court you are indigent and need a transcript, the clerk will notify the reporter to prepare the transcript. When the reporter completes the transcript, the clerk will send both the reporter's transcript and clerk's transcript to the appellate division.

#### **14 Is there any other part of the record that needs to be sent to the appellate division?**

Yes. There are two other parts of the official record that need to be sent to the appellate division:

- **Documents filed in the trial court:** The trial court clerk is responsible for preparing a record of the written documents filed in your case, called a "clerk's transcript," and sending this to the appellate division. (The documents the clerk must include in this transcript are listed in rule 8.912 of the California Rules of Court. You can get a copy of this rule at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/rules](http://www.courts.ca.gov/rules).)
- **Exhibits submitted during trial:** Exhibits, such as photographs or maps, that were admitted in evidence, refused, or lodged (temporarily placed with the court) in the trial court are considered part of the record on appeal. If you want the appellate division to consider an exhibit, however, you must ask the trial court clerk to send the original exhibit to the appellate division within 10 days after the last respondent's brief is filed in the appellate division. (See rule 8.921 of the California Rules of Court for more information about this procedure. You can get a copy of this rule at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/rules](http://www.courts.ca.gov/rules).)

Sometimes, the trial court returns an exhibit to a party at the end of the trial. If the trial court returned an exhibit to you or another party and you or the other party ask for the exhibit to be sent to the appellate division, the party who has the exhibit must deliver that exhibit to the appellate division as soon as possible.

#### **15 What happens after the record is prepared?**

As soon as the record of the oral proceeding is ready, the clerk of the trial court will send it to the appellate division along with the clerk's transcript. When the appellate division receives this record, it will send you a notice telling you when you must file your brief in the appellate division.

#### **16 What is a brief?**

A brief is a party's written description of the facts in the case, the law that applies, and the party's argument about the issues being appealed. If you are represented by a lawyer in your appeal, your lawyer will prepare your brief. If you are not represented by a lawyer in your appeal, you will have to prepare your brief yourself. You



should read rules 8.927–8.928 of the California Rules of Court, which set out the requirements for preparing, serving, and filing briefs in infraction appeals, including requirements for the format and length of these briefs. You can get these rules at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/rules](http://www.courts.ca.gov/rules).

**Contents:** If you are the appellant (the party who is appealing), your brief, called the “appellant’s opening brief,” must clearly explain what you believe are the legal errors made in the trial court. Your brief must refer to the exact places in the clerk’s transcript and the statement on appeal (or other record of the oral proceedings) that support your argument. Remember that an appeal is not a new trial. The appellate division will not consider new evidence, such as the testimony of new witnesses or new exhibits, so do not include any new evidence in your brief.

**Serving and filing:** You must serve and file your brief in the appellate division by the deadline the court set in the notice it sent you, which is usually 30 days after the record is filed in the appellate division. **If you do not file your brief by the deadline set by the appellate division, the court may dismiss your appeal.**

“Serve and file” means that you must:

- Have somebody over 18 years old mail, deliver, or electronically send (“serve”) the brief to the respondent (the prosecuting agency) and any other party in the way required by law. If the brief is mailed or personally delivered, it must be by someone who is not a party to the case—so not you.
- Make a record that the brief has been served. This record is called a “proof of service.” *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109) or *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E) can be used to make this record. The proof of service must show who served the brief, who was served with the brief, how the brief was served (by mail, in person, or electronically), and the date the brief was served.
- File the original brief and the proof of service with the appellate division. You should make a copy of the brief you are planning to file for your own records before you file it with the court. It is a good idea to bring or mail an extra copy of the brief to the clerk when you file your original and ask the clerk to stamp this copy to show that the original has been filed.

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### 17 What happens after I file my brief?

Within 30 days after you serve and file your brief, the respondent (the prosecuting agency) may, but is not required to, respond by serving and filing a respondent’s brief. If the respondent does not file a brief, the appellant does not automatically win the appeal. The court will decide the appeal on the record, the appellant’s brief, and any oral argument by the appellant.

If the respondent serves and files a brief, within 20 days after the respondent’s brief was served, you may, but are not required to, serve and file another brief replying to the respondent’s brief. This is called a “reply brief.”

### 18 What happens after all the briefs have been filed?

Once all the briefs have been served and filed or the time to serve and file them has passed, the court will notify you of the date for oral argument in your case.

### 19 What is oral argument?

“Oral argument” is the parties’ chance to explain their arguments to the appellate division judges in person.

You do not have to participate in oral argument, if you do not want to; you can notify the appellate division that you want to “waive” oral argument. If all parties waive oral argument, the judges will decide your appeal based on the briefs and the record that were submitted. But if one party waives oral argument and another party or parties does not, the appellate division will hold oral argument with the party or parties who did not waive it.

If you do choose to participate in oral argument, you will have up to five minutes for your argument, unless the court orders otherwise. Remember that the judges will already have read the briefs, so you do not need to read your brief to the judges. It is more helpful to tell the judges what you think is most important in your appeal



or ask the judges if they have any questions you could answer.

### **20 What happens after oral argument?**

After oral argument is held (or the date it was scheduled passes if all the parties waive oral argument), the judges of the appellate division will make a decision about your appeal. The appellate division has 90 days after the date scheduled for oral argument to decide the appeal. The clerk of the court will mail you a notice of that decision.

### **21 What should I do if I want to give up my appeal?**

If you decide you do not want to continue with your appeal, you must file a written document with the appellate division notifying it that you are giving up (this is called “abandoning”) your appeal. You can use *Abandonment of Appeal (Infraction)* (form CR-145) to file this notice in an infraction case. You can get form CR-145 at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms).

If you decide not to continue your appeal and it is dismissed, you will (with only very rare exceptions) permanently give up the chance to raise any objections to your conviction, sentence, or other matter that you could have raised in the appeal. If your punishment was stayed during the appeal, you may be required to start complying with your punishment immediately after your appeal is dismissed.

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

**Instructions**

- This form is only for appealing in an **infraction** case, such as a case about a traffic ticket. You can get other forms for appealing in a civil or misdemeanor case at any courthouse or county law library or online at *www.courts.ca.gov/forms*.
- Before you fill out this form, read *Information on Appeal Procedures for Infractions* (form CR-141-INFO) to know your rights and responsibilities. You can get form CR-141-INFO at any courthouse or county law library or online at *www.courts.ca.gov/forms*.
- You must file this form **no later than 30 days after the trial court issued the judgment or order you are appealing** (see rule 8.902(b) of the California Rules of Court for very limited exceptions). **If your notice of appeal is late, the court will not take your appeal.**
- Fill out this form and make a copy of the completed form for your records.
- Take or mail the completed form to the clerk’s office for the same trial court that issued the judgment or order you are appealing. It is a good idea to take or mail an extra copy to the clerk and ask the clerk to stamp it to show that the original has been filed.

You fill in the name and street address of the court that issued the judgment or order you are appealing:

**Superior Court of California, County of**

You fill in the number and name of the trial court case in which you are appealing the judgment or order:

**Trial Court Case Number:**  
  
**Trial Court Case Name:**

The clerk will fill in the number below:

**Appellate Division Case Number:**

**1 Your Information**

a. Name of appellant (the party who is filing this appeal):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Appellant’s contact information (required):

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City* *State* *Zip*

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City* *State* *Zip*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Appellant’s lawyer in the trial court proceedings:

The lawyer filling out this form  is  is not representing the appellant in this appeal.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State Bar number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City* *State* *Zip*

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City* *State* *Zip*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_



**2 Judgment or Order You Are Appealing**

I am/My client is appealing (check a, b, or c):

- a.  the final judgment of conviction in the case (Pen. Code, § 1466(b)(1)).  
The trial court issued (rendered) this judgment on (fill in the date): \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  an order made by the trial court after judgment that affects an important (substantial) right of mine/my client (Pen. Code, § 1466(b)(2)).  
The trial court issued (rendered) this order on (fill in the date): \_\_\_\_\_
- c.  Other (describe the action you are appealing and indicate the date the trial court took the action):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Your Choices About the Record on Appeal**

**Stipulation for Limited Record**

- 3  The respondent and I/my client have agreed (“stipulated”) under rule 8.910 that parts of the normal record on appeal are not required for proper determination of this appeal. A copy of our stipulation identifying those parts of the record that are not required is attached. (At the top of each page write “CR-142, item 3.”)

**Record of Oral Proceedings**

You do not have to provide the appellate division with a record of what was said in the trial court (this is called a record of the “oral proceedings”). But, if you do not, the appellate division will not be able to consider what was said during the trial court proceedings in deciding whether an error was made in those proceedings.

- 4 I elect (choose)/My client elects to proceed (check a or b):
  - a.  WITHOUT a record of the oral proceedings in the trial court (skip item 5); sign and date this form). I understand that if I proceed without a record of the oral proceedings, the appellate division will not be able to consider what was said in the trial court during those proceedings in deciding whether a legal error was made.  
(Write initials here): \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  WITH a record of the oral proceedings in the trial court (complete item 5 below). I understand that if I elect (choose) to proceed WITH a record of the oral proceeding in the trial court, I have to choose the record I want to use and take the actions described below to make sure this record is provided to the appellate division. I understand that if I do not take the actions described below and the appellate division does not receive this record, I am not likely to succeed in my appeal.  
(Write initials here): \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I want to use the following record of what was said in the trial court proceedings in my case (check and complete only one—a, b, c, or d):
  - a.  **Statement on Appeal.** A statement on appeal is a summary of the trial court proceedings approved by the trial court. See form CR-141-INFO for information about preparing a proposed statement. (Check and complete (1) or (2).)



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5 (continued)

- (1)  I have attached my proposed statement on appeal to this notice. *(If you are not represented by a lawyer in this appeal, you must use Proposed Statement on Appeal (Infraction) (form CR-143) to prepare and file this proposed statement. You can get form CR-143 at any courthouse or county law library or online at www.courts.ca.gov/forms.)*
- (2)  I have NOT attached my proposed statement on appeal to this notice. I understand that I must serve the prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney appeared in the case and file this proposed statement in the trial court within 20 days of the date I file this notice and that if I do not file the proposed statement on time, the court may proceed on the clerk's transcript only.

OR

- b.  **Transcript From Official Electronic Recording.** *This option is available only if an official electronic recording was made of what was said in the trial court. Check with the trial court to see if an official electronic recording was made in your case before choosing this option. Some courts also have local rules that establish procedures for determining whether only a portion of a transcript or a different form of the record will be sufficient for an effective appeal. Check with the trial court to see if it has such a local rule. (Check and complete (1) or (2).)*
- (1)  I will pay the trial court clerk's office for this transcript myself. I understand that if I do not pay for this transcript, it will not be prepared and provided to the appellate division.
- (2)  I am asking that this transcript be provided at no cost to me because I cannot afford to pay this cost. I have completed and attached *Defendant's Financial Statement on Eligibility for Appointment of Counsel and Reimbursement and Record on Appeal at Public Expense* (form CR-105). *(You can get form CR-105 at any courthouse or county law library or online at www.courts.ca.gov/forms. The court will review this form to decide if you are eligible for a free transcript.)*

OR

- c.  **Copy of Official Electronic Recording.** *This option is available only if an official electronic recording was made of what was said in the trial court, the court has a local rule for the appellate division permitting the use of the official electronic recording itself as the record of the court proceedings, and you and the respondent (the prosecuting agency) have agreed (stipulated) that you want to use the recording itself as the record of what was said in your case. Check with the trial court to see if an official electronic recording was made in your case before choosing this option. You must attach a copy of your agreement (stipulation) with the respondent to this notice. (Check and complete (1) or (2).)*
- (1)  I will pay the trial court clerk's office for this official electronic recording myself. I understand that if I do not pay for this recording, it will not be provided to the appellate division.
- (2)  I am asking that this official electronic recording be provided at no cost to me because I cannot afford to pay this cost. I have completed and attached *Defendant's Financial Statement on Eligibility for Appointment of Counsel and Reimbursement and Record on Appeal at Public Expense* (form CR-105). *(You can get form CR-105 at any courthouse or county law library or online at www.courts.ca.gov/forms. The court will review this form to decide if you are eligible for a free copy of the official electronic recording.)*



5 (continued)

OR

- d.  **Reporter’s Transcript.** *This option is available only if there was a court reporter in the trial court who made a record of what was said in court. Check with the trial court to see if there was a court reporter in your case before choosing this option. Some courts also have local rules that establish procedures for determining whether only a portion of the reporter’s transcript or a different form of the record will be sufficient for an effective appeal. Check with the trial court to see if it has such a local rule.*

Within 10 days of receiving the court reporter’s estimate of the cost of preparing the reporter’s transcript, I will (check and complete one of the following):

- (1)  File with the trial court a certified transcript of all the proceedings required by rule 8.918.
- (2)  Pay for the transcript myself by depositing with the trial court an amount equal to the estimated cost of the transcript.
- (3)  Pay the reporter directly and file with the trial court a written waiver of the deposit that is signed by the reporter.
- (4)  Request a reporter’s transcript at no cost. I am asking that this transcript be provided at no cost to me because I cannot afford to pay this cost. I have completed and attached *Defendant’s Financial Statement on Eligibility for Appointment of Counsel and Reimbursement and Record on Appeal at Public Expense* (form CR-105). (You can get form CR-105 at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms). The court will review this form to decide if you are eligible for a reporter’s transcript at no cost to you.)

I understand that if I do not pay for this transcript and I am not eligible for a reporter’s transcript at no cost, the reporter’s transcript will not be prepared and provided to the appellate division.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Type or print your name*

 \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of appellant or attorney*

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

**Instructions**

- This form is only for preparing a statement on appeal in an **infraction** case, such as a case about a traffic ticket.
- Before you fill out this form, read Information on Appeal Procedures for Infractions (form CR-141-INFO) to know your rights and responsibilities. You can get form CR-141-INFO at any courthouse or county law library or online at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms).
- This form can be filed at the same time as your notice of appeal. If it is not filed with your notice of appeal, this form must be filed **no later than 20 days after you file your notice of appeal. If you have chosen to use a statement on appeal and do not file this form on time, the court may dismiss your appeal.**
- Fill out this form and make a copy of the completed form for your records and for each of the other parties.
- You must serve a copy of the completed form on each of the other parties in the case and keep proof of this service. You can get information about how to serve court papers and proof of service from *What Is Proof of Service?* (form APP-109-INFO) and on the California Courts Online Self-Help Center at [www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-serving.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-serving.htm).
- Take or mail the original completed form and proof of service on the other parties to the clerk's office for the same court that issued the judgment or order you are appealing. It is a good idea to take or mail an extra copy to the clerk and ask the clerk to stamp it to show that the original has been filed.

You fill in the name and street address of the court that issued the judgment or order you are appealing:

**Superior Court of California, County of**

You fill in the number and name of the trial court case in which you are appealing the judgment or order:

**Trial Court Case Number:****Trial Court Case Name:***The People of the State of California*  
v.

You fill in the appellate division case number (if you know it):

**Appellate Division Case Number:****1 Your Information**

- a. Appellant (
- the party who is filing this appeal*
- ):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZipMailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Appellant's lawyer (
- skip this if the appellant is filling out this form*
- ):

The lawyer filling out this form (*check (1) or (2)*):(1)  was the appellant's lawyer in the trial court.  is the appellant's lawyer for this appeal.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State Bar number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZipMailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Information About Your Appeal**

2 On (fill in the date): \_\_\_\_\_, I/my client filed a notice of appeal in the trial court case identified in the box on page 1 of this form.

**Proposed Statement**

3 **Reasons for Your Appeal**

Remember, in an appeal, the appellate division can only review a case for whether certain kinds of legal errors were made in the trial court proceedings (read form CR-141-INFO to learn about these legal errors):

- There was not “substantial evidence” supporting the judgment, order, or other decision you are appealing.
- A “prejudicial error” was made during the trial court proceedings.

The appellate division:

- Cannot retry your case or take new evidence.
- Cannot consider whether witnesses were telling the truth or lying.
- Cannot consider whether there was more or stronger evidence supporting your position than there was supporting the trial court’s decision.

(Check all that apply and describe the legal error or errors you believe were made that are the reason for this appeal.)

a.  There was not substantial evidence that supported the judgment, order, or other decision that I/my client indicated in the notice of appeal is being appealed in this case. (Explain why you think the judgment, order, or other decision was not supported by substantial evidence): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b.  The following error or errors about either the law or court procedure was/were made that caused substantial harm to me/my client. (Describe each error and how you were/your client was harmed by that error.)

(1) Describe the error: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe how this error harmed you/your client: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(2) Describe the error: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe how this error harmed you/your client: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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(3) Describe the error: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe how this error harmed you/your client: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you need more space to describe these or other errors and attach a separate page or pages describing the errors. At the top of each page, write "CR-143, item 3."

**4 The Charges Against Me/My Client**

a. If the charges against you/your client are based on a citation (ticket) you received, provide the citation number (fill in the citation number from your ticket): \_\_\_\_\_

b. The charges against me/my client were (list all of the charges indicated on the citation or complaint filed with the court by the prosecutor): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. I/My client (check (1), (2), or (3))

(1)  pleaded not guilty to all of the charges.

(2)  pleaded guilty to only the following charges: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(3)  pleaded guilty to all of these charges.

**5 Summary of Any Motions and the Court's Order on the Motion**

a. Were any motions (requests for the trial court to issue an order) made in this case that are relevant to the reasons you gave in (3) for this appeal?

Yes (fill out b)     No (skip to (6))

b. In the spaces below, describe any motions (requests for orders) that were made in the trial court that are relevant to the reasons you gave in (3) for this appeal. Write a complete and accurate summary of what was said at any hearings on these motions and indicate how the trial court ruled on these motions:

(1)  I/My client made the following requests (motions) in the trial court (check all that apply):

(a)  To submit a photograph or photographs as evidence (describe the photographs):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

There  was  was not a hearing on this motion.



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5 b. (1) (a) If there was a hearing on this motion, write a complete and accurate summary of what was said at this hearing: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The court  did  did not accept the photographs.

Check here if you need more space to describe the motion and attach a separate page or pages describing it. At the top of each page write "CR-143, item 5b(1)(a)."

(b)  To submit a map or maps as evidence (describe the maps): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

There  was  was not a hearing on this motion.

If there was a hearing on this motion, write a complete and accurate summary of what was said at this hearing: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The court  did  did not accept the maps.

Check here if you need more space to describe the motion and attach a separate page or pages describing it. At the top of each page write "CR-143, item 5b(1)(b)."

(c)  To submit other material as evidence (describe what you asked to submit as evidence): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

There  was  was not a hearing on this motion.

If there was a hearing on this motion, write a complete and accurate summary of what was said at this hearing: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The court  did  did not accept this material.

Check here if you need more space to describe the motion and attach a separate page or pages describing it. At the top of each page write "CR-143, item 5b(1)(c)."

(d)  Other (describe any other request you made in the trial court and whether the court granted or denied this request): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you need more space to describe the motion and attach a separate page or pages describing it. At the top of each page write "CR-143, item 5b(1)(d)."



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5 b.(2) [ ] The prosecutor made the following request (motion) in the trial court (describe any request the prosecutor made in the trial court and whether the court granted or denied this request):

\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_

There [ ] was [ ] was not a hearing on this motion.

If there was a hearing on this motion, write a complete and accurate summary of what was said at this hearing:

\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_

The court [ ] did [ ] did not grant this motion.

[ ] Other (describe any other action the trial court took on this motion):

\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Check here if you need more space to describe the motion and attach a separate page or pages describing it. At the top of each page write "CR-143, item 5b(2)."

(3) [ ] Check here if other motions were filed that are relevant to the reasons you gave in (3) for this appeal, and attach a separate page or pages describing these other motions, identifying who made them and whether there was a hearing on the motion, summarizing what was said at the hearing on the motion, and indicating whether the trial court granted or denied the motion. At the top of each page, write CR-143, item 5b(3).

6 Summary of Testimony and Other Evidence

a. Was there a trial in your case?

[ ] No (skip items b, c, d, e and f, and go to item (7) )

[ ] Yes (complete items b, c, d, e and f)

b. Did you/your client testify at the trial?

[ ] No

[ ] Yes (Write a complete and accurate summary of the testimony you/your client gave that is relevant to the reasons you gave in (3) for this appeal. Include only what you actually said; do not comment or give your opinion about what was said. Please indicate whether any objections were made concerning your/your client's testimony or any exhibits you/your client asked to present and whether these objections were sustained.):

\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Check here if you need more space to summarize your/your client's testimony and attach a separate page or pages summarizing this testimony. At the top of each page, write "CR-143, Item 6b."



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6 c. Did an officer from the police department, sheriff’s office, or other government agency that charged you/your client testify at the trial? (Check one):

- No
- Yes (fill out (1)–(2)):

(1) The witness’s name is (fill in the witness’s name): \_\_\_\_\_

(2) This witness testified that (Write a complete and accurate summary of the witness’s testimony that is relevant to the reasons you gave in 3 for this appeal. Include only what the witness actually said; do not comment on or give your opinion about what the witness said. Please indicate whether any objections were made concerning this witness’s testimony or any exhibits this witness asked to present and whether these objections were sustained.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you need more space to summarize this witness’s testimony and attach a separate page or pages summarizing this testimony. At the top of each page, write “CR-143, Item 6c.”

d.  Were there any other witnesses at the trial?

- No
- Yes (fill out (1)–(4)):

(1) The witness’s name is (fill in the witness’s name): \_\_\_\_\_

(2) The witness  was  was not an officer from the government agency that charged me/my client.

(3) The witness testified on behalf of  me/my client  the prosecution.

(4) This witness testified that (Write a complete and accurate summary of the witness’s testimony that is relevant to the reasons you gave in 3 for this appeal. Include only what the witness actually said; do not comment on or give your opinion about what the witness said. Please indicate whether any objections were made concerning the witness’s testimony or any exhibits the witness asked to present and whether these objections were sustained.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

e.  Check here if other witnesses gave testimony at the trial that is relevant to the reasons you gave in 3 for this appeal. Attach a separate page or pages identifying each other witness that testified at your trial, stating whether that witness testified on your/your client’s behalf or the prosecution’s behalf, summarizing the witness’s testimony that is relevant to the reasons you gave in 3 for this appeal, and indicating whether any objections were made concerning the witness’s testimony or any exhibits the witness asked to present and whether these objections were sustained. At the top of each page, write “CR-143, item 6e.”



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f. Summarize the evidence, other than testimony, that was given during the trial that is relevant to the reasons you gave in ③ for this appeal. (Write a complete and accurate summary of the evidence given by both you and the respondent. Include only the evidence given; do not comment on or give your opinion about this evidence.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you need more space to summarize the evidence and attach a separate page or pages summarizing the evidence. At the top of each page, write "CR-135, Item 6f."

⑦ The Trial Court's Findings

a. I/My client was found guilty of the following offenses (list all of the offenses for which you were/your client was found guilty): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. I/My client was found not guilty of the following offenses (list all of the offenses for which you were/your client was found not guilty): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. The following charges were dismissed after proof of correction was shown to the judge (list all of the charges that were dismissed): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

⑧ The Sentence

The trial court issued the following final judgment in this case (check all that apply and fill in any required information):

a.  A fine (fill in the amount of the fine): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Traffic school

c.  Community service (fill in the number of hours): \_\_\_\_\_

d.  Other punishment (describe any other punishment that the court imposed in this case):

(describe any other punishment that the trial court imposed in this case): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REMINDER: You must serve and file this form no later than 20 days after you file your notice of appeal. If you do not file this form on time, the court may dismiss your appeal.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print your name



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of appellant or attorney

**Order Concerning Appellant's  
Proposed Statement on Appeal  
(Infraction)**

① The court has received and reviewed the *Proposed Statement on Appeal* (form CR-143) filed by the appellant on *(fill in date)*:

② The court makes the following order:

a.  The court certifies that parts ④ through ⑧ of the statement as proposed by the appellant are an accurate summary of the testimony and other evidence that is relevant to the issues that the appellant indicated in item ③ are the reasons for this appeal. This statement is ready to be sent to the appellate division.

b.  Corrections are needed in order for parts ④ through ⑧ of the statement proposed by the appellant to be an accurate summary of the testimony and other evidence that is relevant to the issues the appellant indicated in item ③ are the reasons for this appeal.

(1)  A modified statement is attached to this order. This modified statement must be sent to the parties.

(2)  The appellant is ordered to prepare a statement incorporating the modifications listed below and to serve and file this modified statement.

(a) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(3)  More corrections than could be listed above were needed in order for parts ④ through ⑧ of the statement proposed by the appellant to be an accurate summary of the testimony and other evidence that is relevant to the issues appellant indicated in item ③ are the reasons for this appeal. A list of the required modifications is attached. The appellant is ordered to prepare a statement incorporating those modifications and to serve and file this modified statement.

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

Clerk fills in the name and street address of the court:

**Superior Court of California, County of**

Clerk fills in the number and name of the case:

**Trial Court Case Number:**  
  
**Trial Court Case Name:**  
*The People of the State of California*  
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Clerk fills in the number below:

**Appellate Division Case Number:**

Trial Court Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Trial Court Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

- c.  The proposed statement does not contain the following material required by rule 8.916:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The appellant is ordered to prepare a new proposal statement that includes this material.

- d.  The trial court proceedings in this case were reported by a court reporter or officially recorded electronically under Government Code section 69957. Instead of correcting this statement, the court orders under rule 8.916(d)(6)(B) that a transcript be prepared as the record of these proceedings. *(Check the court's local rules to make sure the court has adopted a rule providing that this option is available.)*
- e.  This superior court has a local rule for the appellate division authorizing the use of an official electronic recording as the record of the oral proceedings. The trial court proceedings in this case were officially electronically recorded. Instead of correcting this statement, the court orders that a copy of that electronic recording be prepared as the record of these proceedings at the court's expense.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of trial court judicial officer*

**GENERAL INFORMATION****What does this information sheet cover?**

This information sheet tells you how to fill out *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109) or *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E). This information sheet is not part of the proof of service and does not need to be copied, served, or filed.

**① What is “serving” a document?**

“Serving” a document on a person means having the document delivered to that person. The general requirements for serving documents are set out in California Code of Civil Procedure sections 1010.6–1013a (you can get a copy of these laws at any county law library or online at [www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html)). There are three main ways to serve documents: (1) by mail, (2) by personal delivery, or (3) by electronic service.

When a document is served by mail, it must be put in a sealed envelope or package that is addressed to the person who is being served and that has the postage fully prepaid. The envelope then has to be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service by leaving it at a U.S. Postal Service office or mail drop or at an office or business mail drop where the person serving the document knows the mail is picked up every day and deposited with the U.S. Postal Service.

When a document is personally delivered to a party who is represented by an attorney, the document must either be given directly to the attorney representing that party or the document can be placed in an envelope or package addressed to the attorney and left with the receptionist at the attorney’s office or with a person who is in charge of the attorney’s office. When a document is personally served on a party who is not represented by an attorney, the document must either be given directly to the party or the document can be given to someone who is at least 18 years old at the party’s residence between the hours of eight in the morning and six in the evening.

You may be able to serve a document electronically if the person being served has agreed to accept electronic service or if the court has ordered the person to accept electronic service. The requirements for electronic service are set out in California Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6.

When a document is electronically served, it must be served either by electronic transmission or by electronic notification. “Electronic transmission” means sending the document to the person’s electronic service address, an email address the person has given the court and the other parties to the case for this purpose. “Electronic notification” means sending a notice to the person with the exact name of the document and a hyperlink—a link to a web address—at which the document may be viewed and downloaded.

**② What documents have to be served?**

Rule 8.817 of the California Rules of Court requires that before you file any document with the court in a case in the appellate division of the superior court, you must serve one copy of the document on each of the other parties in the case and on anyone else when required by law (statute or rule of court). Other rules require that certain documents in cases in the appellate division be served, including the notice of appeal and the notice designating the record on appeal in appeals in limited civil cases and briefs in all appeals. (For more information about appeals in general and about these documents, read *Information on Appeal Procedures for Limited Civil Cases* (form APP-101-INFO), *Information on Appeal Procedures for Misdemeanors* (form CR-131-INFO), and *Information on Appeal Procedures for Infractions* (form CR-141-INFO).)

**③ Who can serve a document?**

State law (the Code of Civil Procedure) says that a document in a court case can only be served by a person who is over 18 years old. Service by mail or by personal delivery must be by someone who is not a party in the case; electronic service may be performed directly by a party.

If you are a party in a case and wish to serve documents by mail or by personal delivery, **you must have someone else who is over 18 and who is not a party in your case serve any documents in your case for you.** You will need to give the person who is serving the document for you (the server) the names and addresses of all the people who need to be served with that document. You will also need to give the server one copy of each document that needs to be served for each person who is being served.

If you are serving documents electronically, you can do so yourself or have another person over 18 do it for you. The person doing the serving (the server) will need the names and electronic service addresses of everyone who must be served, as well as the document to be served in a form that allows it to be electronically transmitted or made available by hyperlink.

#### **4 What is proof of service?**

A “proof of service” shows the court that a document was served as required by the law. Rule 8.817 also requires a party who is filing a document with the court in a case in the appellate division to attach a proof of service to the document the party wants to file. You can use *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109) or *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E) to give the court this proof of service in any case in the appellate division of the superior court. The server should follow the instructions below for completing the *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109) or *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E). If another person is serving the documents for you—as is required if the document will be served by mail or personal delivery—tell the server to give you the original form when it is filled out and signed. You will need to attach the original proof of service to the document you want to file.

If you are electronically filing the document, the proof of service may also be filed electronically. However, the original signed proof of service must be kept by the party filing the document and produced upon request.

#### **INFORMATION FOR THE SERVER**

#### **5 Who fills out the *Proof of Service* or *Proof of Electronic Service*?**

If you are the server (the person who serves a document for a party in a court case), you must prepare and sign the proof of service. If you served the document by mail or personal delivery, you can use *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109) to prepare this proof of service in any case in the appellate division. If you served the document electronically, you can use *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E) to prepare the proof of service.

#### **6 How do I fill out the *Proof of Service*?**

These instructions are for *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109), if you are serving the document by mail or personal delivery. If you are serving the document electronically, please see **7** below, for instructions on how to fill out *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E).

You can fill out most of the information on *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109) by copying the information from the document you are serving before you serve that document. However, you should not sign and date the form until after you have finished serving the document. **By signing form APP-109, you are swearing, under penalty of perjury, that the information that you put in the form is true and correct.**

When you fill out the *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109), you should print neatly or use a typewriter. If you have Internet access, you can fill out the form online at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms) (use the “fillable” version of the form).

#### **Filling in the top section of form APP-109:**

First box, right side of form: Leave this box blank for the court’s use.

Second box, right side of form: Fill in the name of the county in which the case is filed and the street address of the court. You can copy this information from the first page of the document that you are serving. If the document you are serving is another Judicial Council form, this information will be in the second box on the right-hand side of the form.

Third box, right side of form: Fill in the trial court case name and number. You can copy this information from the first page of the document that you are serving. If the document you are serving is another Judicial Council form, this information will be in the third box on the right-hand side of the form.

Fourth box, right side of form: Fill in the appellate division case number, if you know it. If this number is available, it will be on the first page of the document that you are serving. If the document you are serving is

another Judicial Council form, this number will be in the fourth box on the right-hand side of the form.

**Filling in items 1–5:**

Items ① and ②: You are stating, under penalty of perjury, that you are over the age of 18 and that you are not a party in this court case.

Item ③: Check one of the boxes and provide your home or business address. This information is important because, if you serve the document by mail, you must live or work in the county from which the document was mailed.

Item ④: Check or fill in the name of the document that you are serving. If the document you are serving is another Judicial Council form, the name of the document is located on both the top and the bottom of the first page of the form. If the document you are serving is not a Judicial Council form, the name of the document should be on the top of the first page of the document.

a. Check box 4a if you are serving the document by mail. **BEFORE YOU SEAL AND MAIL THE ENVELOPE WITH THE DOCUMENT YOU ARE SERVING**, fill in the following parts of the form.

- (1) You are stating, under penalty of perjury, that you are putting one copy of the document you identified in item 4 in an envelope addressed to each person listed in 4a(2), sealing the envelope, and putting first-class postage on the envelope.
- (2) Fill in the name and address of each person to whom you are mailing the document. You can copy this information from the list of people to be served or the envelopes provided by the party for whom you are serving the document. If you need more space to list names and addresses, check the box under item 4a(2) and attach a page listing them. At the top of the page, write “APP-109, Item 4a.”
- (3) Fill in the date you are mailing the document and the city and state from which you are mailing it. **REMEMBER:** You must live or work in the county from which the document is mailed.

(a) Check box 4a(3)(a) if you are personally depositing the document with the U.S. Postal Service, such as at a U.S. Post Office or U.S. Postal Service mailbox.

(b) Check box 4a(3)(b) if you are putting the document in the mail at your place of business.

Once you have finished filling out these parts of the form, make one copy of *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109) with this information filled in for each person you are serving by mail. Put this copy of *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109) in the envelope with the document you are serving. Seal the envelope and mail it as you have indicated on the *Proof of Service*.

- b. Check box 4b. If you personally delivered the documents. Remember, when a document is personally delivered to a party who is represented by an attorney, the document must either be given directly to the party’s attorney or the document can be placed in an envelope or package addressed to the attorney and left with the receptionist at the attorney’s office or with a person who is in charge of the attorney’s office. When a document is personally served on a party who is not represented by an attorney, the document must either be given directly to the party or the document can be given to someone who is at least 18 years old at the party’s residence between the hours of eight in the morning and six in the evening.

For each person to whom you personally delivered the document, fill in:

- (a) The person’s name.
- (b) The address at which you delivered the document to this person.
- (c) The date on which you delivered the document to this person.
- (d) The time at which you delivered the document.

If you need space to list more names, addresses, and delivery dates and times, check the box

under 4b. and attach a page listing this information. At the top of the page, write “APP-109, Item 4b.”

Item ⑤: At the bottom of the form, type or print your name, sign the form, and fill in the date that you signed the form. **By signing this form, you are stating under penalty of perjury that all the information you filled in on *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109) is true and correct.**

After you have finished serving the document and filled in, signed, and dated *Proof of Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109), give the original completed form to the party for whom you served the document.

## ⑦ How do I fill out the *Proof of Electronic Service*?

You can fill out most of the information on *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E) by copying the information from the document you are serving before you serve that document. However, you should not sign and date the form until after you have finished serving the document. **By signing form APP-109E you are swearing under penalty of perjury that the information you have put in the form is true and correct.**

You can fill out the *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E) online at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms) (use the “fillable” version of the form), or you can print it out and fill it in, printing neatly or using a typewriter.

### Filling in the top section of form APP-109E:

First box, right side of form: Leave this box blank for the court’s use.

Second box, right side of form: Fill in the name of the county in which the case is filed and the street address of the court. You can copy this information from the first page of the document that you are serving. If the document you are serving is another Judicial Council form, this information will be in the second box on the right-hand side of that form.

Third box, right side of form: Fill in the trial court case number and name. You can copy this information from the first page of the document that you are serving. If the document you are serving is another Judicial Council form, this information will be in the third box on the right-hand side of that form.

Fourth box, right side of form: Fill in the appellate division case number, if you know it. If this number is available, it will be on the first page of the document that you are serving. If the document you are serving is another Judicial Council form, this information will be in the fourth box on the right-hand side of that form.

### Filling in items 1–5:

Item ①: You are stating, under penalty of perjury, that you are over the age of 18.

Item ②:  
a. Check one of the boxes and provide your home or business address.

b. Fill in your electronic service address. This is the address at which you have agreed to accept electronic service, usually an email address.

Item ③: Check or fill in the name of the document that you are serving. If the document you are serving is another Judicial Council form, the name of the document is located on both the top and the bottom of the first page of the form. If the document you are serving is not a Judicial Council form, the name of the document should be on the top of the first page of the document.

Item ④: Fill in the name of each person served, and the name or names of the parties represented, if the person served is an attorney. For each person served, fill in that person’s electronic service address and the date you served the person. If you need more space to list additional persons served, check the box under item ④ b. and attach a page listing them, with their electronic service addresses and the date each person was served. At the top of the page, write “APP-109E, Item 4.”

When you have filled in the information in items 1–4, create an electronic copy of the *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E) with this

information filled in. Transmit the filled-in form with the document you are serving to each person served.

Item ⑤: At the bottom of the form, type or print your name, sign the form, and fill in the date that you signed the form. **By signing this form, you are stating under penalty of perjury that all the information you filled in on the *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E) is true and correct.** If you are not the party for whom the documents are served, give the original completed *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E) to the party for whom you served the document.

If you are electronically filing the document that is served, the proof of service may also be filed electronically. However, the original signed proof of service must be kept by the party filing it and produced upon request.

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

**Instructions**

- This form is only for providing proof that a document has been served (delivered) in a proceeding in the superior court appellate division. If you are serving a document electronically, please use *Proof of Electronic Service (Appellate Division)* (form APP-109E).
- The person who serves (delivers) a document in this case and who fills out this form:
  - Must be at least 18 years old
  - Must NOT be a party in this case
- Before you fill out this form, read *What Is Proof of Service?* (form APP-109-INFO) to understand your responsibilities.

① At the time I served the documents listed in ④, I was at least 18 years old.

② I am not a party in the case identified in the box on the right side of this page.

③ My  home  business address is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

④ I mailed or personally delivered the following document, as indicated below (*check or fill in the name of the document you are serving and check and complete either a or b*).

- Notice of Appeal/Cross Appeal (Limited Civil Case)
- Notice Designating Record on Appeal (Limited Civil Case)
- Proposed Statement on Appeal (  Limited Civil Case  Misdemeanor  Infraction)
- Appellant's Opening Brief
- Respondent's Brief
- Appellant's Reply Brief
- Abandonment of Appeal (Limited Civil Case)
- Petition for Writ (Misdemeanor, Infraction, or Limited Civil Case)
- Other (*write in the name of the document*):

a.  Service by Mail

- (1) I put one copy of the document identified ④ in an envelope addressed to each person listed in (2), sealed the envelope, and put first-class postage on the envelope.

**Superior Court of California, County of**

You fill in the name and street address of the court that issued the decision that is being challenged in this case:

You fill in the number and name of the trial court case in which the decision being challenged was issued:

**Trial Court Case Number:**

**Trial Court Case Name:**

You fill in the appellate division case number (if you know it):

**Appellate Division Case Number:**



Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) The envelope or envelopes were addressed as follows:

(a) Name of person served:

Address on envelope: \_\_\_\_\_

*Street*

*City*

*State Zip*

(b) (Name of person served):

Address on envelope: \_\_\_\_\_

*Street*

*City*

*State Zip*

Check here if you mailed copies of the document identified in (4) to more people. Attach a separate page listing the names and addresses on each additional envelope you mailed. Write "APP-109, Item 4a" on the top of the page.

(3) I mailed the envelope or envelopes on (date): \_\_\_\_\_ from (city): \_\_\_\_\_  
(state): \_\_\_\_\_ by depositing the envelope or envelopes (check one):

(a)  With the U.S. Postal Service or

(b)  At an office or business mail drop where I know the mail is picked up every day and deposited with the U.S. Postal Service.

b.  Service by Personal Delivery

I personally gave one copy of the document identified in (4) to each of the following people:

(1) (a) Name of person served:

(b) (Address where you gave the documents to this person:

*Street*

*City*

*State Zip*

(c) Date when you gave the documents to this person:

(d) Time when you gave the documents to this person:

(2) (a) Name of person served:

(b) (Address where you gave the documents to this person:

*Street*

*City*

*State Zip*

(c) Date when you gave the documents to this person:

(d) Time when you gave the documents to this person:

Check here if you gave copies of the document identified in (4) to more people. Attach a separate page listing the names of each of these people, the address where you gave each of them the document, and the date and time you gave them the document. Write "APP-109, Item 4b" on the top of the page.

(5) I declare under penalty of perjury under California state law that the information above is true and correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Type or print server's name*



\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server signs here after serving*

*Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.***Instructions**

- This form is only for providing proof that a document has been electronically served (delivered) in a proceeding in the superior court appellate division.
- The person who serves (delivers) a document in this case and who fills out this form must be at least 18 years old.
- Before you fill out this form, read *What Is Proof of Service?* (form APP-109-INFO) to understand your responsibilities.

*You fill in the name and street address of the court that issued the decision that is being challenged in this case:***Superior Court of California, County of***You fill in the number and name of the trial court case in which the decision being challenged was issued:***Trial Court Case Number:****Trial Court Case Name:***You fill in the appellate division case number (if you know it):***Appellate Division Case Number:**

① At the time I served the documents listed in ③, I was at least 18 years old.

② a. My  home  business address is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip*

b. My electronic service address is:

\_\_\_\_\_

③ I electronically served the following document, as indicated below (check or fill in the name of the document you are serving).

- Notice of Appeal/Cross Appeal (Limited Civil Case)*
  - Notice Designating Record on Appeal (Limited Civil Case)*
  - Proposed Statement on Appeal* (  *Limited Civil Case*  *Misdemeanor*  *Infraction*)
  - Appellant's Opening Brief*
  - Respondent's Brief*
  - Appellant's Reply Brief*
  - Abandonment of Appeal (Limited Civil Case)*
  - Petition for Writ (Misdemeanor, Infraction, or Limited Civil Case)*
  - Other (write in the name of the document):*
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

④ I electronically served the document checked in ③ as follows

a. (1) Name of person served: \_\_\_\_\_

*On behalf of (name or names of parties represented, if person served is an attorney):*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(2) Electronic service address of person served: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) On (date): \_\_\_\_\_

b. (1) Name of person served:

*On behalf of (name or names of parties represented, if person served is an attorney):*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(2) Electronic service address of person served: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) On (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you gave copies of the document listed in ③ to more people. Attach a separate page listing the names of these people, the names of parties represented if the person served is an attorney, the electronic service address used for each person served, and the date you electronically served the document. Write "APP-109E, Item 4" on top of the page.

⑤ I declare under penalty of perjury under California state law that the information above is true and correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Type or print server's name*



\_\_\_\_\_

*Server signs here after serving*