

# Supreme Court Rule Amendments

## Effective 1/1/26

### Counsel's Obligation to File NOA

#### Rule 13 (a)

- Except upon withdrawal or in a limited scope appearance, an attorney's appearance in trial court ends upon the filing of a Notice of Appeal or upon the expiration of the time for filing the Notice, whichever occurs first.
- **Committee Comment:** counsel has a duty to consult with a defendant about an appeal when there's reason to think that a rational defendant would want to appeal or when a defendant reasonably demonstrates to counsel that they're interested in appealing.

#### 605(a) and 606(a)

- Removes the trial clerk's obligation to file a Notice of Appeal where a defendant is represented by counsel.
- **Committee Comment to 606:** "When counsel represents a defendant, counsel is responsible for preparing and filing a notice of appeal, and there is no need for the clerk to do so."

#### 606(d)

- A Notice of Appeal must be prepared by using or closely following the format and content of the form provided by the Court in the [Article VI Forms Appendix](#). See Pages 2 -3 for advice on completing the form.

#### Timeline for filing NOA

**A Notice of Appeal is due 30 days after imposition of final judgment.**

- Judgment is sentencing, not finding of guilt.
- If a timely Motion to Reconsider Sentence is filed, judgment is not final until the court has ruled on that Motion.
- If a Notice of Appeal is filed and then a timely Motion to Reconsider Sentence is filed, the NOA is void and a new NOA must be filed upon ruling on the Motion to Reconsider Sentence. See *Rule 606(b)*.

#### Important Note

The **only** Motion to Reconsider that tolls the time for filing a NOA is the Motion to Reconsider Sentence. Other Motions to Reconsider, such as Motion to Reconsider Denial of a Motion to Withdraw the Plea, **do not toll the time for filing a Notice of Appeal**. *People v. Dyas*, 2025 IL 130082.



# Illinois Supreme Court Rules

## Article VI – APPEALS IN CRIMINAL CASES, POST-CONVICTION CASES, AND JUVENILE COURT PROCEEDINGS

### Rule 606 Perfection of Appeal D. Form of Notice on Appeal

In the Circuit Court of the \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial Circuit  
\_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois  
(Or, In the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois)

THE PEOPLE OF THE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS,

v.

Use client's name as it is spelled/written in  
the charging instrument

No. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notice of Appeal

☒ Joining Prior Appeal ☐ Separate Appeal ☐ Cross Appeal  
(select one)

An appeal is taken from the order or judgment described below.

(1) Court to which appeal is taken: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name of appellant and address to which notices shall be sent.

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

Address: Use [inmate locator](#) to see which specific institution your client is in or just

Address: list generically "Illinois Department of Corrections" if you don't yet know

Email: where client will be sent.



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(3) Name and address of appellant's attorney on appeal.

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

Address: If you're asking OSAD to be appointed, use [OSAD website](#) to get specific

Address: office address info.

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

If appellant is indigent and has no attorney, does he want one appointed? \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Date of judgment or order: If bench or jury trial, date of sentencing (or denial of Moton to Reconsider Sentence if ruled on at a later date). If guilty plea, date of denial of post-plea motion.

(5) Offense of which convicted \_\_\_\_\_

List all offenses for which client was found guilty

(6) Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

List all sentences imposed

(7) If appeal is not from a conviction, nature of order appealed from: \_\_\_\_\_

**Leave Blank if Bench Trial, Jury Trial, or Guilty Plea!**

(8) If the appeal is from a judgment of a circuit court holding unconstitutional a statute of the United States or of this state, a copy of the court's findings made in compliance with Rule 18 shall be appended to the notice of appeal.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(May be signed by Appellant, Attorney for Appellant,  
or Clerk of Circuit Court.)