



Appeals in the Juvenile Court

Judge grants order finding a dependency or termination of parents rights.

A judge's order is final when he or she signs the court's Minute Entry or Findings of Fact.

Juvenile court appeals have priority in the appellate system. On average, cases last 6-9 months from start to finish.

Parent has 15 calendar days from the date of filing the final signed order to file a Notice of Appeal.

In termination cases, CPS usually stops visitation unless there is another agreement.

The Appeals Court Clerk requests the transcripts of the lower court hearings.

If a parent is entitled to court appointed counsel they will be assigned an appellate lawyer at no cost.

The Appellant (party filing the appeal) files an Opening Brief.

Counties Serviced by the Court of Appeals Division 1: Apache, Coconino, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Yavapai, and Yuma.
Counties Serviced by the Court of Appeals Division 2: Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, Pinal, and Santa Cruz.

The Appellee (party responding to the appeal) files a Response Brief.

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The Opening Brief must be filed within 20 days after the clerk sends notice to the appellee.

The Response Brief must be filed within 20 days after the Opening Brief is filed.

Appellant may file a Reply.

The Reply must be filed within 10 days after the Response Brief is filed.

An adoption usually will not be granted until the appeal is resolved.