

Rule 8. Accelerated Appeals Generally.

A motion for accelerated docket pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 311(b) shall set forth (1) the nature of the case, (2) an affidavit setting forth good cause for acceleration, and (3) when the record and appellant's brief will be filed. A party seeking an accelerated appeal must communicate with the clerk of the circuit court to ensure expedited preparation of the record. If the appellant seeks leave to prepare and file a supporting record pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 328 in lieu of the certified record prepared by the clerk of the circuit court, the appellant must file a motion seeking leave to do so and explaining why it is impractical to use the certified circuit court record.

When a division, either collectively or by action of a judge hearing motions, grants a motion for an accelerated appeal, the clerk shall assign the case by random electronic process to an authoring judge in that division.