

Rule 7. Appeals Under Supreme Court Rules 306(a)(5) and 311 (Allocation of Parental Responsibilities).

(a) Supreme Court Rules Govern. Filings in appeals under Supreme Court Rule 311 shall follow the procedures set forth in those rules.

(b) First District Procedures. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 311(a)(6), this court adopts the following mandatory procedures to ensure completion of child custody or allocation of parental responsibilities appeals: (1) a party may request, by motion, to file a memorandum in lieu of a brief and (2) on motion of a party or its own motion, the court may sever issues regarding child custody or allocation of parental responsibilities issues from other issues on appeal.

When a party in a case subject to Supreme Court Rule 311 files a motion for an extension of time based on delay in preparing the record, the motion shall detail the proceedings at the status hearing in the circuit court required by Supreme Court Rule 311(a)(3), including the circuit court's determination of the record and whether the circuit court judge has requested the chief judge's assistance in resolving any filing delays. The motion shall include a file-stamped copy of any order entered by the circuit court at the status hearing.

(c) Rule 306(a)(5) Appeals. If the court allows a petition for leave to appeal pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 306(a)(5), the time for filing any additional record and for either filing a notice of election to stand on the petition or for filing a brief under Supreme Court Rule 306(b)(5) shall be subject to the expedited procedures set forth in the Supreme Court Rule 311, except that the time for the filings shall begin on the date the court granted the petition, rather than the date the notice of appeal was filed. Except for good cause shown, the court shall issue its decision within 150 days after entry of the order allowing the Supreme Court Rule 306(a)(5) petition for leave to appeal.