

Instructions for E-Filing a Family Court Appeal Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department

These instructions will assist you with e-filing a family court appeal with the Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department. The instructions are not meant to be a substitute for the Electronic Filing Rules of the Appellate Division. Please consult the e-filing rules ([22 NYCRR 1245](#)).

I. How do I Register the Notice of Appeal?

Go to [NYSCEF](#) and log in¹

- Under the "File Documents" tab click on "Appellate Court"
- Under "Prior to Perfection" heading click the link to "Record Initial Case Info" (Appellant)
 - Select "Appellate Division - 3rd Dept" and click "next"
 - Use drop down arrows to select County and Court and click "next"
- On Screen labeled "Enter Information from Court of Original Instance"
 - For "Case Type" select "other family"
 - For "Case Type Description" enter the proceeding type (custody, support, neglect, etc.)
 - For "Court Number" enter the family court docket number (use the lowest number if there is more than one docket number)
 - For "Court Judge" enter judge whose order is on appeal

¹ Please see instructions on NYSCEF home page for log in information.

- For "Order Appealing from Date" enter date the order on appeal was dated
- For "Date Order Entered" enter date the order was entered by the family court clerk
- For "Notice of Appeal Date" enter date of notice of appeal
- For "Date Notice of Appeal Filed" enter date notice of appeal was filed
- For "Has this case been e-filed" select "no" and click "Next"

- On Screen labeled "Add Parties":

- Under Plaintiffs/Petitioners

Add the first, middle (if applicable) and last name of the petitioner(s) in the fields provided, or the organization name in the field provided

Appellate Role - use drop down arrow to select appellant or respondent

- Under Defendants/Respondents

Add the first, middle (if applicable) and last name of the petitioner(s) in the fields provided, or the organization name in the field provided

Appellate Role - use drop down arrow to select appellant or respondent

- Click "Next"

- On "Verify Full Caption Screen", check caption and if correct click "next"; if edits are required, click edit.

- On Screen "Consent"

- Click box next to party you are representing

- Click "Next"
- On Screen "Add Documents":
 - Select document type from the drop-down menu, select "Copy of Notice of Appeal with Proof of Filing/Information Statement"
 - Under "File Name", click "Browse" and upload a PDF copy of the Notice of Appeal and informational statement
 - Click "next"
- On next screen, for document 2, select "Copy of Order/Judgment Appealed From":
 - Under "File Name", click "Browse" and upload a PDF copy of the order on appeal
 - Click "Next" and then "SUBMIT"- You will see a confirmation page for the documents you have filed
 - Once your submission has been reviewed, you will receive an assignment of case number from the Court (which is the same case number previously assigned to the appeal)
 - Note that within 7 days of assignment of case number through the NYSCEF system, appellant must serve all parties to the appeal with a *hard copy* of the Notification of Case Number and e-file affidavit of service. The Notification of Case Number Form is available at the Third Department's website:

<https://iappscontent.courts.state.ny.us/NYSCEF/live/forms.htm#FormsAppellate>

II. How do I Perfect the Appeal?

- Log in to NYSCEF

- Under the "File Documents" tab, click the link to "Appellate Court"
- Under the heading "Perfect an Appeal" click the link to "Perfect an Appeal"
- Enter appellate case number and under "appellate court" use drop down menu to select "Third Department"
- On next screen, most information should be prepopulated; you must enter information regarding requested oral argument time and select "next"
- Under "main document" select "record on appeal" from the document type drop-down menu. *Please note that you must upload the record first as the main document. If you do not upload the record as the main document, you will not be given the option of uploading the record as an additional document*
- Under file name, click "browse" to select the file to upload
- Additional document information may be added (Volume I, Volume II, etc.)
- Click "next" at the bottom of the page
- Under the "Document 2" heading select "appellant's brief" from the document type drop-down menu
- Under "file name" click "browse" to select file to upload
- Add additional document information if applicable (brief and appendix if filing as one)
- Assigned counsel must upload a copy of the assignment order to bypass filing fees. Under "document type" select "No Fee Authorization (Letter/Order/Affirmation)"
- When finished adding documents select the "next" button at the bottom of the page

- At the enter payment information page, enter "no fee"
- Click the "next" button at the bottom of the page
- At the "Review Your Filing Page" once you have reviewed the information entered click to check the acknowledgement box and then click "file documents" at the bottom of the page
- You will see a confirmation page to confirm that your filing has been uploaded into the system
- Upon review by a clerk, you will receive an e-mail through NYSCEF advising you that your filings have been accepted and directing you to mail in hard copies within 2 business days of the clerk's notification

III. How do I register respondent's participation in case?

Go to [NYSCEF](#) and login

- Under the "File Documents" tab click on "Appellate Court"
- Under "Prior to Perfection", select "Enter Contact Information for Respondent and Other parties"
- Under "Enter Case Information" Screen:
 - Enter Appellate Division Case number, and under "Court" use drop down menu to select "Appellate Division-Third Department".
 - Click "Next"
- Under "Represent" screen:
 - Select the party you are representing by putting a check mark in box next to name and use drop down menu under appellate role and select "Respondent."
 - Click "Represent"

You will now see the association of who you are logged in as with the proper representation. When finished, click "Home"

- Please note that a respondent must register his or her contact information in NYSCEF within 20 days of service of the notification of case or docket number

IV. How do I file a proposed record on appeal, respondent's brief, motion, application or letter?

Log in to NYSCEF

- Under the "File Document" tab click "Appellate Court"
- Under Screen "Appellate Division E-filing", select "File to Existing Appeal"
- Under Screen "Enter Appeal Information":
 - In "Appellate Case Number" enter appeal number
 - In "Appellate Court" use drop down menu to Select Third Department
 - In "I am Filing" select document that you are filing
 - Click the "next" button at the bottom of the screen
 - Under "main document" select the "document type" from the drop-down menu
 - Under "file name" click "browse" and select the file to upload
 - Click "next" button at the bottom of the page
 - Add additional documents, if any. When finished click the "next" button at the bottom of the page

- Click to check the acknowledgement box
- Click the "file documents" button at the bottom of the page

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