

	U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit	Florida District Courts of Appeal
<p><b>Notice of Appeal</b> FRAP 4 Fla. R. App. P. 9.110</p>	<p>Jurisdictional, but <i>expressly allows</i> good cause and excusable neglect exceptions. Judgment is final and appealable so long as it effectively <i>ends the litigation on the merits and leaves nothing for the court to do but execute the judgment.</i></p>	<p>Jurisdictional, but <i>forbids</i> good cause and excusable neglect exceptions. Order is not final and appealable unless it includes <i>specific language of finality.</i></p>
<p><b>Preparing the Appellate Record</b> FRAP 11 Fla. R. App. P. 9.200</p>	<p>Within 14 days after filing notice of appeal, appellants must order transcript or file certificate stating no transcript will be ordered. Appellants may order partial transcript by filing statement of issues within 14 days of the notice of appeal. Appellants must do whatever else is necessary to enable clerk to assemble and forward record.</p>	<p>To include transcripts and/or discovery, appellant must serve directions to clerk and designation to court reporter within 10 days of filing notice of appeal. Circuit court clerk will <i>automatically prepare</i> record within 50 days and will transmit record to appellate court within 110 days.</p>
<p><b>Preparing the Briefs in Regular Appeals</b> FRAP 28 Fla. R. App. P. 9.210</p>	<p>Appellant’s Brief – <i>Blue</i>, due 40 days after <i>record is filed</i>. Appellee’s Brief – <i>Red</i>, due 30 days after service. Reply Brief – <i>Gray</i>, due 14 days after service.</p>	<p>Initial Brief – Due 70 days after <i>filing notice of appeal</i>. Answer Brief – Due 20 days after service. Reply Brief – Due 20 days after service.</p>
<p><b>Preparing the Briefs in Cross-appeals</b> FRAP 28 Fla. R. App. P. 9.210</p>	<p>Appellant’s Principal Brief – <i>Blue</i>, due 40 days after <i>record is filed</i>. Appellee’s Principal and Response Brief – <i>Red</i>, due 30 days after service. Appellant’s Response and Reply Brief – <i>Yellow</i>, due 30 days after service. Appellee’s Reply Brief – <i>Gray</i>, due 14 days after service.</p>	<p>Initial Brief – Due 70 days after <i>filing notice of appeal</i>. Answer Brief – Due 20 days after service. Reply Brief – Due 20 days after service. Cross-Reply Brief – Due 20 days after service.</p>
<p><b>Mail-service Rule</b> FRAP 26 Fla. R. App. P. 9.420</p>	<p><i>Three</i> additional days unless prior brief is hand delivered.</p>	<p><i>Five</i> additional days when prior brief served by U.S. mail, complete on mailing. No additional time if brief is served via facsimile, electronic mail, or overnight commercial carrier.</p>
<p><b>Obtaining Extensions of Time</b> FRAP 26 Fla. R. App. P. 9.300</p>	<p>Extension motions <i>do not toll deadlines until resolved</i>. More difficult to obtain. More complex motions practice.</p>	<p>Extension motions <i>toll deadlines until resolved</i>. More flexible. Simpler motions practice.</p>