

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT**  
**QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE | APPENDIX REQUIREMENTS**

**WHO FILES AN APPENDIX?**

<b>Appellant’s retained counsel</b> must file an electronic appendix.	10th Cir. R. 10.1, 10.3 & 30.1
<b>Appellee’s counsel may file a supplemental appendix.</b>	10th Cir. R. 30.2(A)(1)
<b>An appendix is NOT required when</b> Appellant is pro se or represented by counsel appointed under the Criminal Justice Act. Instead, the court will prepare a pro se record, or appointed counsel will file a designation of record.	10th Cir. R. 10.1, 10.3 & 30.1

**APPENDIX FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS**

<b>Cover Color</b>	The front and back covers of the appendix must be white.	FRAP 32(b)(1)
<b>Cover Page</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case number (centered)</li> <li>• Name of court</li> <li>• Formal caption</li> <li>• Nature of proceeding (e.g., Appeal, Petition for Review), and the name of the court, agency, or board below</li> <li>• What party filed</li> <li>• “Appendix” noted</li> <li>• Attorney contact information</li> </ul>	FRAP 32(b) (incorporating FRAP 32(a)(2))
<b>Legibility/Clarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Text must equal or exceed output of laser printer.</li> <li>• Photographs, illustrations, and tables must result in good copy of original.</li> </ul>	FRAP 32(b) (incorporating FRAP 32(a)(1)(B), (C))
<b>Order of Documents</b>	Arrange documents in chronological order according to filing date, beginning with the oldest document.	10th Cir. R. 30.1(D)(5)
<b>Index/Table of Contents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each volume must include an Index or Table of Contents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ List each document by original document title.</li> <li>○ List the page number of the appendix on which the document begins.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	FRAP 30(d) 10th Cir. R. 30.1(D)(2)
<b>Pagination</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consecutively paginate the appendix.</li> <li>• If the appendix has multiple volumes, you may begin each volume at page 1, or you may consecutively paginate the appendix across all volumes.</li> </ul>	10th Cir. R. 30.1(D)(1)
<b>Volume(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where the appendix is large, separate volumes should be created.</li> <li>• No volume should exceed 300 pages.</li> <li>• Each volume must have its own cover page, identifying the volume by roman numeral and the pages included (e.g., Volume 2, Pages 542 to 813).</li> <li>• Use the same naming convention for each e-filed volume.</li> </ul>	10th Cir. R. 30.1(D)(6)
<b>First Volume</b>	<p>The first volume must also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District court docket sheet (must be the first document in the volume).</li> <li>• Certificate of service if service is effected through nonelectronic means.</li> </ul>	FRAP 25(d) 10th Cir. R. 25.4 10th Cir. R. 30.1(D)(4) 10th Cir. R. 30.1(E)

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<b>Bookmarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bookmark is a text link that appears in Adobe Acrobat’s Bookmarks Panel.</li> <li>• Each document in the electronic appendix must have a bookmark that clearly identifies the district court docket number, the pleading name, and the date of filing in the district court (e.g., ECF 10 Motion for Summary Judgment 2/10/16).</li> <li>• Although the “Create Appendix” functionality in CM/ECF will automatically create bookmarks, you should manually edit the bookmarks to clearly identify the pleadings.</li> </ul>	ECF Manual §§ II(S), III(G), V(H)
<b>Hyperlinking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hyperlinks <b>are optional</b> and, for technical reasons, may only link to materials already on the docket, <i>i.e.</i>, the appendix must be filed before the brief if the brief is to contain hyperlinks to the appendix.</li> <li>• If you do not have time to create hyperlinks to the appendix when you file the brief, you may—within 7 days of the original electronic filing—file a motion, requesting leave to file a substitute hyperlinked brief.</li> <li>• Submission of a substitute hyperlinked brief does not toll/impact any other filing deadlines.</li> </ul>	ECF Manual, §§ III(E), III(F) III(G), V(A)
<b>Sealed Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be accompanied by a separate motion to seal.</li> <li>• Must be filed in a separate volume and must be e-filed under seal and submitted in a hard copy that is clearly marked on the cover as sealed.</li> <li>• If redaction is reasonably practicable, you must e-file both a sealed version of the appendix volume and a redacted version of the appendix volume. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If sealed and redacted versions are both e-filed, paper copies of both versions are required. The sealed hard copy should be clearly marked as such.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	10th Cir. R. 25.6 ECF Manual, §§ III(G), IV(A)(7)
<b>APPENDIX CONTENT REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Agreement Encouraged</b>	The parties are encouraged to agree to the contents of the appendix.	FRAP 30(b)(1) 10th Cir. R. 30.1(C)
<b>Required Contents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally, the appendix must include all materials filed in the district court sufficient for considering and deciding the issues on appeal, and the court need not remedy an inadequate appendix.</li> <li>• The appendix <b>MUST INCLUDE</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The district court docket entries</li> <li>○ The last amended complaint and answer, or the indictment or information and any superseding indictment or information</li> <li>○ The final pretrial order</li> <li>○ Pertinent written reports and recommendations, findings and conclusions, opinions, or orders of a district judge, bankruptcy judge, or magistrate judge, or, if the findings and conclusions were made orally, a copy of the transcript pages reproducing those findings and conclusions</li> <li>○ All jury instructions when an instruction is at issue on appeal, as well as proposed instructions that were refused; when a finding or conclusion is an issue on appeal, proposed findings and conclusions that were refused</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	FRAP 30(a)(1)&(a)(2) 10th Cir. R. 10.4(B), 30.1(B)(3)  10th Cir. R. 10.4(A) & (C), 30.1(B)(1)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The decision or order from which the appeal was taken</li> <li>○ The judgment, if one was entered</li> <li>○ The notice of appeal</li> <li>● Additional content requirements apply to particular types of appeals.</li> <li>● The appendix in a Social Security appeal must include the entire administrative record.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">10th Cir. R. 10.4(D)  10th Cir. R. 10.4(C)(9) &amp;  30.1(B)(2)</p>
<b>Exclusions</b>	Specific items are excluded from the appendix unless they are relevant to the issues on appeal.	10th Cir. R. 10.4(E)
<b>APPENDIX FILING REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Electronic Filing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Retained counsel for Appellant must <b>electronically</b> file an appendix.</li> <li>● PDFs in the appendix must be native (i.e., searchable) PDFs.</li> <li>● All PDFs attached to a single ECF transaction cannot exceed 30 MB (i.e., appendices larger than 30 MB must be docketed in multiple CM/ECF transactions).</li> <li>● District courts' CM/ECF "Create Appendix" option may be used. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>NOTE:</b> Sealed documents may not be accessible using the "Create Appendix" option.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ECF Manual, §§ II(S), III(G), V(H)
<b>Hard Copy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A hard copy of the appendix is not required unless the court so orders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The hard copy must be an <b>exact replica</b> of the electronic appendix.</li> <li>○ The number of volumes and the content of each must be identical to the e-filed appendix. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>NOTE:</b> If you split a single volume of the appendix into multiple parts to accommodate e-filing, each part is considered a separate volume for purposes of the requirement that the number of hard copy volumes match the number of electronic volumes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The hard copy must be received within 5 business days of the court issuing notice that a hard copy is required.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Must be single-sided and reproduced on 8 ½ x 11 paper, unless another size is needed to facilitate inclusion of odd-sized documents (such as technical drawings).</li> <li>● Each volume must be bound. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spiral binding is strongly encouraged.</li> <li>○ Three-ring binders are prohibited.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Request leave of court to conventionally file all or any part of an appendix. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If the court grants leave to conventionally file, you must (1) submit two hard copies of the exempted materials and (2) serve a hard copy on all parties to the appeal.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	FRAP 32(b)(incorporating FRAP 32(a)(1)(A) & (a)(3))  10th Cir. 30.1(A)(2)  FRAP 32(b)(3)  10th Cir. R. 30.1(D)(6)  10th Cir. R. 30.3  ECF Manual, §§ II(S), III(G), VIII(2)

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