If you want to...

# APPEAL A CIVIL JUDGMENT

Either party may appeal a judgment rendered in the justice court. If either party wishes to appeal an Eviction Action judgment, they must file a **Notice of Appeal** with the court <u>WITHIN FIVE (5) calendar days</u> of the entry of judgment. For all other civil case types, you must file a **Notice of Appeal** with the justice court **WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) calendar days** of the entry of judgment. *THE COURT CANNOT EXTEND THE TIME FOR APPEAL* 

If a judgment is issued for a <u>material and/or irreparable breach</u>, the Writ of Restitution will be carried out immediately (within 12-24 hours). To STAY enforcement of the Writ, a <u>NOTICE OF APPEAL and a</u> <u>SUPERSEDEAS BOND</u> must be filed **IMMEDIATELY** with the court before the eviction process commences. The eviction can only be stayed with the filing of a supersedeas bond. The court cannot waive a supersedeas bond. Bonds must be posted by cash or cashier's check only.

It is not required to post a supersedeas bond to file an appeal. The appeal will proceed with or without a supersedeas bond.

## **Please STOP**

If there has not yet been a judgment rendered.

If the judgment was entered by default (failure to appear). An appeal cannot be taken from a default judgment. You must file a motion to vacate judgment. If the time to appeal has expired.

## **Please PROCEED**

If you wish to appeal a judgment or ruling in your case.

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Carefully read the Notice of Right to Appeal form.
- 2. Complete and file the appropriate forms with the court within the time allowed and pay applicable fees and bonds.
- 3. Audio recordings of court proceedings are available. You may request a copy by filling out a Digital Recording Request, JP205, and pay the required fee. Requests can be made in person or online.
- 4. Parties must notify the court of any change of address.

Visit us at <u>www.jp.pima.gov</u> for additional filing information and online forms.

# PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The Notice of Right to Appeal outlines appeal process procedures and contains important information.

- Appellant is the party filing the appeal
- Appellee is the opposing party
- Trial Court is the Justice of the Peace Court

Attached:

- Notice of Right to Appeal (2 pages)
- Notice of Appeal
- Designation of Record on Appeal
- Notice of Filing Cost Bond on Appeal
- Appellee's Objection to Sufficiency of Bond for Costs on Appeal
- Affidavit of Inability to Post Bond For Costs Pending Appeal
- Appellee's Objection to Appellant's Affidavit
- Sample Memorandum
- Digital Recording Request, JP205

Plaintiff

Defendant

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL - CIVIL

A party may appeal a final order or a final judgment entered in any civil case (including eviction actions; injunctions against harassment; orders of protection; and workplace harassment). This notice explains your rights and responsibilities to file an appeal from such an order or judgment. The appeal procedure is set forth in <u>Superior Court Rules of Appellate Procedure</u>, and in the <u>Arizona Revised Statutes</u>.

There are two separate stages to the appeal process. The first stage begins in the Justice Court; the second stage takes place in the Superior Court. You must complete ALL steps at both stages, or you risk having your appeal dismissed. This notice does not set forth all the rules that govern the appeal process. You may review the complete rules at the library as contained in the <u>Superior Court Rules of Appellate Procedure</u> and in the <u>Arizona Revised Statutes</u>. It is recommended that you keep a copy of all your documents during the appeal process.

**SPECIAL NOTE EVICTION ACTION APPEALS:** There are some processes that differ, depending on the type of case being appealed. Please note the different time lines applicable to an eviction action appeals and the two kinds of supersedeas bonds that may be posted. You may review the specific statutes applicable to eviction action appeals in the <u>Arizona Revised Statutes</u> and in the <u>Arizona Residential Landlord Tenant Act</u> available from the Secretary of State or online at <u>www.azhousing.qov</u>.

SPECIAL NOTE RE APPEALS of ORDERS OF PROTECTION and INJUNCTIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT and WORKPLACE HARASSMENT: This court does not assess fees with the appeal process. However, Superior Court will charge a filing fee for appeal of workplace harassment. Also, you will be responsible for making arrangements for payment of preparation of the transcript of the record of proceedings. Additionally, unless otherwise ordered by the court, the protective or injunctive order will stay in effect pending the appeal.

#### **STAGE ONE - THE TRIAL COURT**

The trial court is the Justice Court.

**THE NOTICE OF APPEAL** To appeal you must file a NOTICE OF APPEAL with the trial court within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the judgment.

**SPECIAL NOTE RE EVICTION ACTION APPEALS:** To appeal this type of case, you must file a NOTICE OF APPEAL with the trial court within FIVE calendar days from the date of the judgment.

**SPECIAL NOTE RE IMMEDIATE EVICTION ACTION APPEALS:** A judgment resulting from an irreparable breach will be carried out immediately. Any appeal should be filed before enforcement of a Writ of Restitution (within 12 to 24 hours after the judgment is entered).

If you do not file a NOTICE OF APPEAL within the time allowed by law, you lose the right to appeal. The time to file cannot be extended. It is required that you designate the specific judgment or order you are appealing in the NOTICE OF APPEAL. If you file an appeal you are the APPELLANT. The opposing party is the APPELLEE. The Justice Court is the trial court.

**<u>APPEAL FEES</u>** On or before the deadline to appeal, you must pay the appropriate appeal fee. The fee includes the initial filing fee for the appeal, a copy of the audio recording proceedings for the Superior Court, a certification of the appeal record, and the transmittal of the record on appeal to the Superior Court.

#### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL - CIVIL

<u>THE RECORD</u> Audio recordings of the court's proceedings are available by CD or by a downloadable link. If a CD is requested the court will contact you once the CD is ready for pick up. If a downloadable link is requested the court will e-mail the link to you at the email address provided when the request was made.

**DESIGNATE THE RECORD** Within the time to appeal you must designate the record with the trial court by filing a formal list of the items you want included in the record on appeal.

**THE COST BOND**. On or before the deadline to appeal you must pay a COST BOND. The bond is set at \$50.00 for the plaintiff and \$75.00 for the defendant. The purpose of this bond is to cover court costs incurred by the APPELLEE, in defending the appeal. If you cannot afford to pay the cost bond, you must complete an AFFIDAVIT OF INABILITY TO POST BOND. The opposing party has a right to object to such an affidavit and the court may hold a hearing to determine the validity of the affidavit. Bonds must be posted by cash or cashier's check only.

**SUPERSEDEAS BOND(S)** The purpose of a supersedeas bond is to stay enforcement of the judgment. The two supersedeas bonds explained here have two separate purposes. One will stay collection actions on the amount of the judgment awarded, i.e. garnishment proceedings. The other will stay any eviction proceeding resulting from an eviction action judgment. You may still exercise your right to appeal without posting a supersedeas bond. But you must post one or both supersedeas bonds to stay enforcement of the judgment. Bonds must be posted by cash or cashier's check only.

TO STAY COLLECTION PROCEEDINGS. The amount of the bond is the total amount of the judgment ordered by the court, including court costs, attorney fees, damages, etc. The purpose of this bond is to stay collection proceedings on the money judgment awarded, i.e. a Writ of Execution, where personal property may be taken and sold to satisfy the judgment, or garnishment proceedings. The stay becomes effective when the bond is posted.

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING EVICTION ACTION APPEALS:

TO STAY EVICTION A separate supersedeas bond must be posted to stay eviction proceedings enforced by a WRIT OF RESTITUTION. The amount of the bond is the amount of rent due from the date of the judgment to the next periodic rental due date, plus court costs and attorney fees ordered in the judgment. To stay the eviction proceedings a supersedeas bond must be posted before the Writ of Restitution is enforced. The stay becomes effective when the bond is posted but cannot be retroactive if the Writ has already been executed. A judgment resulting from an irreparable breach will be carried out immediately. A supersedeas bond to stay the eviction must be filed before enforcement of the Writ of Restitution (within 12 to 24 hours after the judgment is entered) to have a stay effect on the eviction.

**PAYMENT OF RENT** In addition, all rent payments must be paid to the trial court on or before the rental due date, pending the appeal process. If rent is not timely received, the court may issue a WRIT OF RESTITUTION for execution of the judgment for possession and the eviction proceedings. All bonds are paid to the trial court. Bonds must be posted by cash or cashier's check only.

**THE WRITTEN APPEAL MEMORANDUM.** You will need the record for the next step - the APPELLANT'S MEMORANDUM. The appellant's memorandum is your written explanation of why the trial court ruling was legally wrong. Normally your memorandum should refer to specific portions of the record of the trial or hearing to point out where there was error by the court. The memorandum should be typed or printed on letter-sized white paper, double spaced, and not exceed 15 pages in length. In addition, you may also attach exhibits from your hearing to the memorandum. Type or print the caption of the case and your case number at the top of your memorandum. Type or print the title, APPELLANT'S MEMORANDUM, below the caption so that court can identify it when it is filed. If you are not represented by an attorney you must file the original with the trial court, and one additional copy of the memorandum for every party in the case. The other side will then have 30 days to file an APPELLEE'S RESPONSE MEMORANDUM.

FILING THE APPEAL MEMORANDUM (within 60 days) The APPELLANT'S MEMORANDUM must be filed with the court within 60 calendar days of the deadline to file the NOTICE OF APPEAL.

WAIT FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS Once the memorandum has been filed, you should wait for further instructions from the Superior Court as outlined in Stage Two. Remember that the trial court must have your current mailing address at all times to keep you informed. Even if you hire an attorney your address is still required for legal notifications.

**<u>CROSS-APPEALS</u>** The rules regarding cross-appeals are set forth in full detail in the Superior Court Rules of Appellate Procedure previously mentioned herein.

#### **STAGE TWO - THE SUPERIOR COURT**

**PAYING THE SUPERIOR COURT FILING FEE** If you have completed all of the first stage, your case moves to Superior Court. About 60 days after you file your memorandum, you will receive a notice from the Superior Court. This notice will instruct you to pay the Superior Court filing fee. You must pay this filing fee, or your appeal may be dismissed, and your case sent back to the trial court. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, you must contact the Superior Court clerk for information about a possible waiver or extension to make payment later.

**SUPERIOR COURT ACTION ON THE APPEAL.** If you have completed all of these steps, you will receive a ruling from the Superior Court. The Superior Court has the right to affirm the trial court, overrule the trial court, modify some of the trial court's decision, or, if the record is not clear, order a new trial in the Superior Court. If the final outcome of your case is that the ruling stands, or if your appeal is dismissed for any reason, the court may use any bond, deposit or payments made to satisfy your obligation under the original judgment. You may have to return to the trial court to receive further instructions.

**DISPOSITION OF EXHIBITS UPON FINAL JUDGMENT** After a judgment has become final and non-appealable, a person who files a request, under penalty of perjury, setting forth ownership of or lawful entitlement to the possession of an exhibit, may obtain an ex-parte order permitting its withdrawal. Ninety days after a judgment has become final and non-appealable, the court having possession thereof may dispose of all case related exhibits in its possession.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of this Notice.

Date:

] Plaintiff 🗌 Defendant

# PIMA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED JUSTICE COURT

240 N. Stone Aven			ue Tucson, AZ 85701 (520)724-3171		
Plaintiff			Notice of Appeal	Defendant	
Address				Address	
City	State	Zip	Case Number	City State	Zip
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$\Box$ CIVIL $\Box$ EVICTION ACTION $\Box$ OTHER CIVIL								
$\Box$ INJUNCTION PROHIBITING HARASSMENT $\Box$ ORDER OF PROTECTION $\Box$ WORKPLACE HARASSMENT								
I am the Plaintiff Defendant herein and I am appealing or cross-appealing from the final order or final judgment in the above case, entered on:(date).								
<ul> <li>I have read and understand the instructions set forth in the NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL, including:</li> <li>Paying the appropriate filling fees</li> <li>Digital recording request</li> </ul>								
The posting of a cost bond in the amount of \$50.00 Plaintiff or \$75.00 Defendant								
The right to post a supersedeas bond to stay enforcement of the judgment     The right to post a supersedeas bond to stay enforcement of responsible (in an existing entire sector)								
<ul> <li>The right to post a supersedeas bond to stay enforcement of possession (in an eviction action case)</li> <li>The required memorandum to be filed with the trialcourt</li> </ul>								

Any applicable filing fees payable to the Superior Court

I further acknowledge and understand that failure to complete all stages in the appeal process may result in the dismissal of the appeal and reinstatement of the trial court judgment.

The following address may be used for all court notices. The court will be notified IN WRITING of any change of address.

( Plaintiff's	) Name / Address / Phone	_	) Plaintiff's attorney Name / Address / Phone
( Defendant	) Name / Address / Phone		() Defendant's attorney Name / Address / Phone
Date:		Plaintiff	Defendant
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ERTIFY that I n	nailed a copy of this NOTICE OF APPE	EAL to all parties and	counsel herein named.
nte:	By: Clerk		

Plaintiff Address	Designation of Record On Appeal	 Defendant  Address		
City State Zip	Case Number	City State Zip		
Phone Number		Phone Number		
	DESIGNATION OF RECORD ON APPE	<u>А</u> Г		
The appellant herein is the 🗌 Plaintiff 🛛	]Defendant.			
The record on appeal shall consist of original	inals or certified copies of the following item	IS:		

- 1. The NOTICE OF APPEAL
- 2. The docket of proceedings
- 3. Documentation or record of payment of bonds
- 4. The COMPLAINT, ANSWER, COUNTER or CROSS-CLAIMS, any amendments and all proofs of service
- 5. The JUDGMENT, ORDER or other ruling that is the subject of this appeal or cross-appeal

Unless	otherwise designated, the record shall also include:	Check if you DO NOT want to be included	Initial
6.	Written motions, responses and replies		
7.	Exhibits (admittedor not)		
8.	The record or transcript of the trial		

Or, if it is requested that any of these items not be included in the record, so indicate by checking the box to the right of the record not to be included, if any, and initial.

Unless otherwise designated or requested by the Superior Court, the record on appeal shall not include: Notices of appearance; discovery disclosures; motions; notices of defense; subpoenas; notices of motion hearings and trial settings; voir dire; jury instructions and general correspondence.

In addition to the items noted above, I request that the following documents also be included in the appeal record:

Date:	A¢	opellant 🔲 Appellee	
Clerk Use Only:	d a copy of this DESIGN	ATION OF RECORD ON APPEAL to:	
	☐ Plaintiff's Attornev	Defendant at the above address	Defendant's Attorney
 Date: JP410 (2/20/2024) XV	By: Clerk		

Plaintiff			Notice of Filing Cost Bond On Appeal	Defendant Address			
City	State	Zip	Case Number	City	State	Zip	
Phone Number				Phone Number			

## NOTICE OF FILING COST BOND ON APPEAL

The appellant herein is the Plaintiff Defendant.

The appellant in this matter has filed a cash bond for costs on appeal in the amount of \$50.00 Plaintiff or \$75.00 Defendant

as: Cash Bond Cashier's Check

No personal checks or money orders will be accepted.

Date:

Appellant

#### NOTICE TO APPELLEE:

- You have 14 calendar days from the date of filing of this Notice to object in writing to the sufficiency of the cost bond posted herein.
- You have 5 calendar days (in an eviction action) from the date of filing of this Notice to object in writing to the sufficiency of the cost bond posted herein.

The court will consider any objections made and will either sustain the objections or approve the bond. If no Objections are made, the bond will be approved and all defects or insufficiencies are waived.

Clerk Use Only:			
I CERTIFY that I delivered / mailed a	copy of this NOTICE OF FI	LING COST BOND ON APPEAL to:	
Plaintiff at the above address	Plaintiff's Attorney	Defendant at the above address	Defendant's Attorney
Date:	By: Clerk		

Plaintiff Address			Appellee's Objection to Sufficiency of Bond For Costs on Appeal	 Defendant  Address		
City	State	Zip	Case Number	City	State	Zip
Phone Number				Phone Number		

## APPELLEE'S OBJECTION TO SUFFICIENCY OF BOND FOR COSTS ON APPEAL

The appellee herein is the  $\square$  Plaintiff  $\square$  Defendant.

I am the appellee in this action. I hereby object to the appellant's bond for costs on appeal for the following reasons (specify how the bond is erroneous, defective or insufficient):

Date:	
Date	Appellee
Clerk Use Only:	
I CERTIFY that I delivered / maile	d a copy of this APPELLEE'S OBJECTION TO SUFFICIENCY OF BOND FOR COSTS ON APPEAL to:
Plaintiff at the above addres	s
Date:	By: Clerk
	Clerk

Plaintiff Address			Affidavit of Inability to Post Bond For Costs Pending Appeal	Defendant Address		
City	State	Zip		City	State	Zip
Phone Number			Case Number	Phone Numbe	r	

## AFFIDAVIT of INABILITY TO POST BOND FOR COSTS PENDING APPEAL

The appellant herein is the Plaintiff \$50.00 Defendant \$75.00

The undersigned appellant moves the trial court to waive, or in the alternative, reduce the cost bond in the above cause.

1. I make this affidavit pursuant to Superior Court Rules of Appellate Procedure (SCRAP), Rule 6(b)(3).

Or, (In an Eviction Action case) 🗌 I make this affidavit pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) § 12-1179B.

2. This request is made for the following reason(s):

I state under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

Appellant

#### TO APPELLEE:

**CIVIL case:** You have 14 calendar days from the date of filing of this affidavit to object in writing to the appellant's affidavit. If an objection is filed, the court will rule on the affidavit and any objections within 14 calendar days.

**EVICTION ACTION case**: You have 5 calendar days from the date of filing of this affidavit to object in writing to the appellant's affidavit. If an objection is filed, the court will hold a hearing on the affidavit and objections within 5 calendar days. The court will either approve the affidavit or sustain the objection.

Clerk Use Only:

I CERTIFY that I delivered / mailed a copy of this AFFIDAVIT OF INABILITY TO POST BOND FOR COSTS PENDING APPEAL to:

Plaintiff at the above address Plaintiff's Attorney Defendant at the above address Defendant's Attorney

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Plaintiff  Address			Appellee's Objection To Appellant's Affidavit	Defendant  Address		
City	State	Zip	Case Number	City	State	Zip
Phone Num	ber			Phone Nur	nber	

## APPELLEE'S OBJECTION TO APPELLANT'S AFFIDAVIT

The appellee herein is the	🗌 Plaintiff	Defendant
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I am the appellee in this action. I am objecting to the appellant's	s affidavit of inability to post bond for costs for the following
reasons:	

I state under penalty of perjury th	at the foregoing is true :	and correct.	
Date:			
	Appellee		
Clerk Use Only:			
	a copy of this APPELLEE'	S OBJECTION TO APPELLANT'S AFF	IDAVIT to:
Plaintiff at the above address	Plaintiff's Attorney	Defendant at the above address	s 🗌 Defendant's Attorney
Date:	Ву:		
	Clerk		
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Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Daytime Phone / Alternate Phone:	() ()
	OLIDATED JUSTICE COURT Tucson, AZ 85701 (520)724-3171
	CASE NUMBER:
	) LC CASE#:
Appellant VS.	
v5.	
Appellee	) ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED (Check this box if you want to present an oral argument in the Superior Court)

# Sample MEMORANDUM

#### The Memorandum:

- 1. Is due to be filed with the court within 60 calendar days of the deadline to file the Notice of Appeal
- 2. Must not be more than 15 pages in length.
- 3. Must be typed or legibly printed on single sided 8.5 x 11" white paper and double-spaced (except for quotations).
- 4. If you are not represented by an attorney you will need to file the original memorandum with the court, along with one copy for every other party.

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

A short statement of the facts of the case. This should include a short review of the testimony and a brief summary of the facts as presented in the Justice Court.

## STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

Specific reference should be made to the portion of the recorded proceedings or transcript wherein you contend the trial court erred. A concise argument of the legal issues and any supporting legal authority (statute, rule, case precedent, etc.) relating to your position. EXAMPLE: If you want the Superior Court to consider the testimony of a particular witness, you should identify the page and line of the transcript where the testimony appears.

## REASONS WHY THE JUSTICE COURT RULED INCORRECTLY

A statement explaining exactly what you are asking the court to do.

CONCLUSION

The conclusion should state exactly what the appellant is requesting the Superior Court Judge to do.

Respectfully submitted this date:

Appellant

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING / DELIVERY**

If you are not represented by an attorney you must file the original, and one additional copy of the memorandum with the trial court. The trial court will mail a copy of the memorandum to the opposing side.

If an attorney represents you, you will only need to file the original memorandum. Your attorney will be responsible for filing the original with the trial court and for sending copies as necessary to the opposing side.

The opposing side will then have 30 days to file an APPELLEE'S MEMORANDUM in response.

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# **Ordering Recordings of Proceedings**

Audio recordings of court proceedings are available in two formats:

- 1. MPEG Audio Layer 3 (MP3) a data compression format for encoding digital audio, most commonly music.
- Liberty format a 4-channel audio that is ideal to provide to a transcription company. If you select the Liberty format, you will need to download a FREE player to listen to the audio on your computer. The FREE player may be downloaded from www.libertyrecording.com.

Recordings are available as follows:

\*<u>Audio by email</u> of recordings - audio is available to be sent by email for a fee of \$33.00.

\*<u>CD Copies</u> of recordings - Audio can be burned to a CD for a fee of \$33.00 per CD.

The fee for all audio requests is \$33.00 or \$33.00 per CD. This fee must be paid prior to the Court fulfilling the request. If the request is made online, a clerk will be contacting you within 24 hours to collect payment. If you missed the call or you do not receive contact within 24 hours, call the court at 520-724-3171. All audio requests will be emailed, mailed or ready for pickup within 5 business days after payment is received. If the audio is requested by email, the audio will be sent to the email address provided on the request form. Audio requests may also be made inperson or by mail. The fee may be paid via check made payable to "Pima County Consolidated Justice Court." Please ensure the request form is included with your payment.

\*Audio by email: If a recording exceeds the audio file size limitation, it will be provided in CD format. The Court will notify you if we are unable to send you the <u>audio by email.</u>

## Please complete the attached form (page2) to initiate your request.



# **Digital Recording Request**

Date o	of Request:				
Reque	stor Name:				
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			Judge's Name:		
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					□ Email
Submit request		inty Consolidated Just	tice Court		

Attn: Judicial Services 240 North Stone Ave Tucson, AZ 85701

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Clerk:	Payment Made: 🗌 Yes 🗌 No
Received by: Requestor's Signature	Date Received:

Electronic Signature Used JP205