

Getting Started

Appellant's Brief (Illinois Supreme Court)

IMPORTANT: This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to use the *Appellant's Brief* form. Your use of the form does not guarantee you will be successful in court.

To learn how to fill out the form and file it with the court, read the *HOW TO FILE AN APPELLANT'S BRIEF WITH THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT* instruction sheet and the instructions on the form.

Name of form:	<i>Appellant's Brief</i>
Purpose of the form:	To tell the Illinois Supreme Court why the appellate court should not have issued an opinion or entered an order or judgment against you.
Types of cases the form CAN be used for:	Appeals to the Illinois Supreme Court.
Types of cases the form CANNOT be used for:	All appeals to any other court.
Cost to file the form:	None.
Special information or papers needed to complete the form:	You will need to refer to the record on appeal, including the common law record (the documents filed in the trial court) and the report of proceedings (the transcript of the trial court hearings). You will also need to cite legal authority (cases, statutes, laws, etc.) to support your arguments.
Statutes and rules covering the form:	Illinois Supreme Court Rules 315 , 321 , 323 , 341 , and 342 .
Where to find the form and instruction sheet:	ilcourts.info/forms and click on the "Supreme Court Forms" tab.
Where to get access to a computer and scanner to file and serve:	The Illinois Supreme Court Clerk's office will have a computer and scanner where you can scan, save, and then use the computer to e-file and serve your document. Your trial court clerk's office, appellate court clerk's office, or library may also have a computer and scanner you can use. For a list of legal self-help centers: ilao.info/lshc-directory .
For more information:	Read the <i>HOW TO FILE AN APPELLANT'S BRIEF WITH THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT</i> instruction sheet that comes with these forms. You may also contact the Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court's office at: ilcourts.info/supreme-clerk .