



Know Your Court for Appeals





Historical Information

- *In Re: Amendments to Fla. Rules of Appellate Procedure-2017 Regular-Cycle Report*, 256 So. 3d 1218, 1220 (Fla. 2018).
- *In Re: Work Group on County Court Jurisdiction*, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC18-39 (August 1, 2018).



Appellate Workgroup

- *In Re: Workgroup on Appellate Review of County Court Decisions, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC19-3 (January 4, 2019)*



2020 Legislative Session and Implementation

- Chapter 2020-61, Laws of Florida
- All county court decisions in criminal cases and most decisions in civil cases will be appealed to the district courts of appeal.
- Circuit courts will retain appellate jurisdiction for certain administrative decisions and certain decisions entered in non-criminal infraction and other cases.



What is the big change coming to Florida courts in January?

Cases Transferring to the District Courts of Appeal (DCA)

January 1, 2021

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Cases Remaining in the Circuit Courts

January 1, 2021

Circuit courts will retain appellate jurisdiction for certain types of cases. These statutes, listed in the chart below, afford circuit courts appellate jurisdiction for certain administrative decisions and certain decisions entered in noncriminal infraction and other cases.

Details at [KnowYourCourt.org](https://www.knowyourcourt.org)



What is the effect of the new legislation?

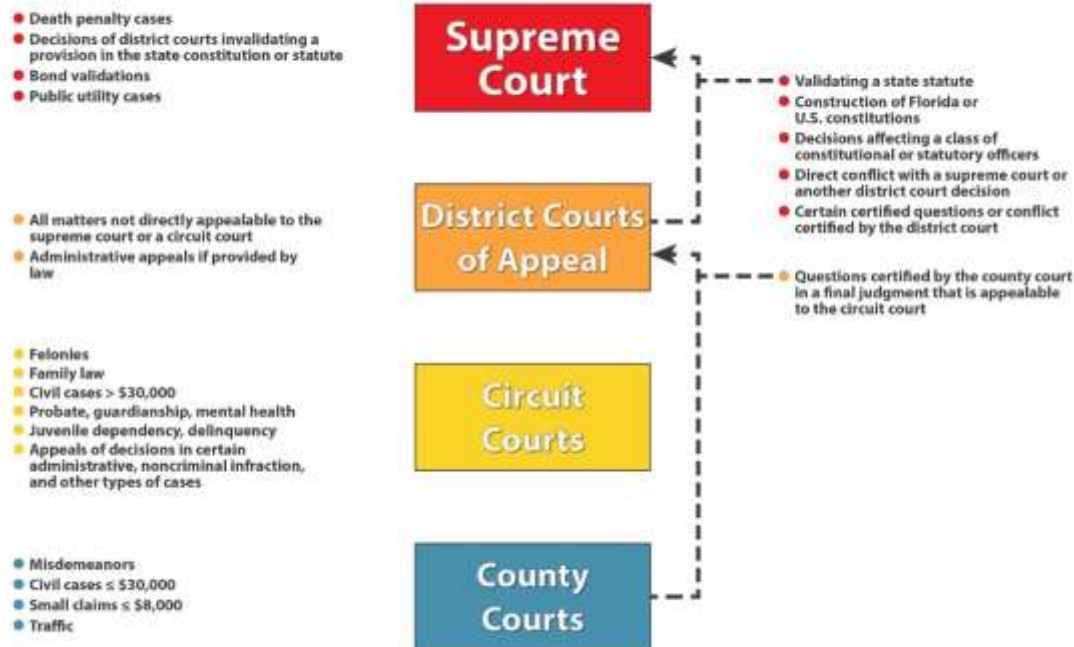


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What cases are affected?

Florida Courts Jurisdiction



This chart is a general guide to the jurisdiction of courts in Florida. The bullets on the left side of the chart specify matters within the primary jurisdiction of the court and the bullets on the right side specify appeals for which the Florida Supreme Court and Florida District Courts of Appeal have discretionary jurisdiction. This chart is not intended to be comprehensive; many exceptions and distinctions exist.

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COUNTY COURT APPEALS CHANGES

Changes to County Court Appeals (effective January 1, 2021)

Appeals of county court decisions pending before circuit courts and subject to the jurisdiction change will be transferred automatically to the circuit court of appeal. Beginning January 1, 2021, parties appealing certain county court decisions will have their appeal heard in the circuit court of appeal.

Case Types with Appeals Staying in Circuit Court

- Pursuant to ch. 2020-61, L.O.F., effective January 1, 2020, the circuit court's general statutory authority in § 26.012, Fla. Stat., to hear appeals from county court final orders and judgments was repealed as was its specific authority in § 924.08, Fla. Stat., to hear appeals from county court final judgments in misdemeanor cases. Due to this legislation, the district courts of appeal will have jurisdiction to hear appeals of such final orders and judgments pursuant to Article V, § 4(b)(1), Fla. Const.; issue extraordinary writs in those appellate cases pursuant to Article V, § 4(b)(3), Fla. Const.; and review nonfinal orders in those cases as provided by rules of court.
- Circuit courts will continue, however, to have appellate jurisdiction for certain types of cases under statutes that were not amended [1]. Statutes, listed in the chart below, afford circuit courts appellate jurisdiction for certain administrative decisions and certain decisions entered in noncriminal infraction and other cases [2]. Although research was conducted to determine all instances of statutorily afforded circuit court appellate jurisdiction, it is likely, due to the inconsistent nature of statutory terminology, that other relevant statutes exist.

Statute	Description	Description of Statutory Language
26.012(1) and 162.11	Local final administrative orders	Circuit courts shall have jurisdiction of appeals from final administrative orders of local government code enforcement boards.
44.104(10)	Voluntary binding arbitration decisions	An appeal of a voluntary binding arbitration decision shall be taken to the circuit court.
38.0755	Certain ineligibility decisions by the supervisor of elections	An appeal of the supervisor's determination of ineligibility may be taken to the circuit court.
194.036	Decisions by a value adjustment board	The property appraiser may appeal the board's decision to the circuit court.
253.763	Review of agency action on permits and licenses	A person may seek review of final action of any agency with respect to a permit or license required

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How do I file in the District Court of Appeal?

Florida Courts E-Filing Portal

News & Information

- 11/26/2020 The portal may be unavailable momentarily on Saturday, December 5th, 2020 between 10 AM and 5 PM Eastern Time security and system processes and this requires maintenance. Please contact the service desk at support@myflcourts.com if
- 11/21/2020 PCFA Embedding Filing Instructions and FAQs. Missing forms seem to be the issue with most improperly formatted PDF

E-Filing Map

Select a Filing Jurisdiction that Court

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- File Documents to Multiple Cases
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To file in the District Courts of Appeal, select the appropriate court from the Appellate Court drop-down menu.



Notice of Appeal and Initial Filing

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* Intended reviewing appellate court:

* Proceeding Type:

Case Type:

Case Category:

Case Nature:

* In this appellate case, you (your firm) are representing: Other Yourself

* You (your firm) are associated with:

Please provide the following lower tribunal information specially associated with this appellate case as required by Fla. R. App. P. 9.110(d):

[Add Associated Lower Tribunal Case](#)

#	Lower Tribunal	Case #	Case Title
No lower tribunal cases associated with current filing			

* Confirm reviewing appellate court:

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What should I do to prepare for this change?

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- Does the Court have a filing fee for filing after hours?
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Notice to Attorneys and Parties

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TELEPHONE 813-224-0000

WE CANNOT receive or accept any documents.

Effective immediately, counsel are required to report to the Court any filings or related activity along with NOTICE OF SERVICE OR RELATED-LIST. See Address on the Notice of Service or Related List.

All documents filed with the Court must be submitted via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, unless a court filing is authorized. A filer may use the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal to secure an existing court case if a filing is authorized. An account is required for filing and search.

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- How much does it cost to file a motion of appeal?

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Welcome to the Florida District Courts of Appeal Online Docket

The Florida Appellate Courts docket information is refreshed once daily starting at 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except that the Fourth DCA's information is refreshed twice daily at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., and the Fifth DCA's information is refreshed twice daily at 10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.

If you know the case number, just enter it below. If not, please use one of the other search options: party or attorney, lower tribunal case number, or date filed. When searching by case number, the first item in the case number drop-down box designates the court.

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What should I expect from the DCAs?

Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 156 / 199

Supreme court. The filing of a notice under subdivision (a) is optional and shall not relieve an amicus curiae from compliance with the provisions of subdivision (a) of this rule if the court accepts jurisdiction.

RULE 9.380. NOTICE OF RELATED CASE OR ISSUE

A party is permitted to file a notice of related case or issue informing the court of a pending, related case arising out of the same proceeding in the lower tribunal or involving a similar issue of law. The notice shall only include information identifying the related case. The notice shall not contain argument and shall be in substantially the format prescribed by rule 9.900(k).

January 1, 2019 Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 156
The Florida Bar

RULE 9.400. COSTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES

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for resources and details



Questions?



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