

**United States Court of Appeals  
for the Armed Forces  
Washington, D.C.**

Rules Changes

**ORDER**

Upon careful consideration of certain proposed changes to the Rules of Practice and Procedure, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, which were presented to and reviewed by the Rules Advisory Committee of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and thereafter published in the Federal Register for comment, it is, by the Court, this 29th day of May, 2026,

ORDERED:

That effective May 29, 2026, Rules 8 and 24 are promulgated as provided in the Attachment to this order (deletions appear with strikethrough and changes appear in bold typeface).

For the Court,

Attachment

/s/  
Malcolm H. Squires, Jr.  
Clerk of the Court

## Rule 8 – Parties

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(e) When a mandatory review case is filed, the accused is the appellant. The other party is the appellee.

~~(f) If a petition for grant of review or a certificate for review is filed after an action has been docketed in the same case, the party on whose behalf relief is sought in the second action is the appellant or cross-appellant, depending on whether such party is the appellant or appellee in the first action. The other party in the second action is the appellee or cross-appellee as determined in a similar manner.~~

~~(g)~~**(f)** All parties filing a petition for extraordinary relief with the Court are petitioners. All parties to the proceeding below other than petitioners are respondents.

## Rule 24 – Form, Content, and Type-Volume Limitations

(e) Joint Appendix. In addition to electronically filing a joint appendix, the appellant or petitioner is responsible for filing eight paper copies of a joint appendix, which is a separate document filed contemporaneously with the brief.

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(4) Agreement and Designation. The parties are encouraged to agree on the contents of the joint appendix. In the absence of agreement, the appellant or petitioner must serve on the appellee or respondent a designation of the issues to be raised on appeal and of the parts of the record to be included in the joint appendix. Service must be made within ~~fourteen~~**seven** days of the order granting the petition, the Judge Advocate General filing a certificate for review, the notice of the docketing of a mandatory review case, or the filing of a petition for new trial, petition for extraordinary relief or a writ-appeal petition. The appellee or respondent may, within ~~fourteen~~**seven** days after receiving the designation, serve on the appellant or petitioner a designation of the additional parts of the record to draw to the attention of the Court. The appellant or petitioner must include the parts designated by the appellee or respondent in the joint appendix. The parties must avoid designating unnecessary parts of the record because the entire record is available to the Court. In the event a cross-appeal is filed, the Clerk will establish deadlines for designations.

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