

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA  
November 10, 2020

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 31(b) and Rule 57(h)(2), Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure, be amended to read in accordance with Appendices A and B, respectively, to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment of Rule 31(b) and the amendment of Rule 57(h)(2) are effective immediately; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following note from the reporter of decisions be added to the follow Rule 31 and Rule 57:

"Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending Rule 31(b) and Rule 57(h)(2), effective immediately, is published in that volume of Alabama Reporter that contains Alabama cases from \_\_ So. 3d."

**Parker, C.J., and Bolin, Shaw, Wise, Bryan, Sellers, Mendheim, Stewart, and Mitchell, JJ., concur.**

**Witness my hand this 10th day of November, 2020.**



**Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama**

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November 10, 2020  
4:05 pm  
Clerk  
Supreme Court of Alabama**

## APPENDIX A

### Rule 31(b), Ala. R. App. P.

(b) Number of Copies to Be Filed and Served. Copies of the brief shall be filed with the clerk of the appropriate appellate court as follows:

Supreme Court: One original and nine (9) copies.

Court of Criminal Appeals: One original.

Court of Civil Appeals: One original and five (5) copies.

The clerk of an appellate court may, in a particular case, direct that a greater or lesser number of briefs be filed. One copy of the brief shall be served on counsel for each party separately represented and, if a party does not have counsel, then one copy shall be served upon that party personally. The clerk may permit an indigent party to file a lesser number of copies.

## APPENDIX B

### Rule 57(h)(2), Ala. R. App. P.

(2) Hard Copies of Documents to Be Filed. In addition to the e-document, the filer must mail or deliver the following number of hard copies of the e-document and any attachments to the appropriate appellate court:

Supreme Court: Ten (10) copies.

Court of Civil Appeals: Six (6) copies.

All hard copies shall be mailed or delivered to the appropriate appellate court within 24 hours of the date the principal document is e-filed, unless the day following the filing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, in which event the hard copies shall be mailed or delivered by the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday or, when the day following the filing date is a day on which weather conditions have made the office of the clerk of the court inaccessible, the end of the next day that is not one of the aforementioned days. The hard copies that are delivered to the appellate court shall be accompanied by a copy of the confirmation receipt provided pursuant to subsection (h)(3) of this rule. Regular mail of the United States Postal Service is a sufficient means for delivering hard copies of e-documents to the appellate courts as provided in this rule.

No hard copies of e-documents are required to be filed with the Court of Criminal Appeals. However, if an e-filed document includes an appendix or an addendum that contains an exhibit that is incapable of being electronically filed, then that exhibit must be mailed or delivered to the Court of Criminal Appeals within 24 hours of the date the document is e-filed, unless the day following the filing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, in which event the exhibit shall be mailed or delivered by the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday or, when the day following the filing date is a day on which weather conditions have made the office of the clerk of the court inaccessible, the end of the next day that is not one of the aforementioned days. A hard

copy of an exhibit that is delivered to the Court of Criminal Appeals shall be accompanied by a copy of the confirmation receipt provided pursuant to subsection (h)(3) of this rule. Regular mail of the United States Postal Service is a sufficient means for delivering a hard copy of an exhibit to the Court of Criminal Appeals as provided in this rule.