

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2024 EDITION

This 2024 Edition of the *Illinois Appellate Practice Manual* replaces the 2022 Edition of this treatise and is designed to serve as a comprehensive and practical guide to civil appellate practice in Illinois. As such, it provides straightforward answers to common appellate practice questions that practitioners are likely to encounter in the course of an appeal, while also providing the historical background, depth of analysis, and citation to authorities that may be expected in a legal treatise. The publication covers the entire range of issues relevant to civil appeals in Illinois courts, including considerations of issue preservation in the trial court, appeals to the Illinois Appellate Court, and appeals and original proceedings in the Illinois Supreme Court.

Shortly before the previous edition of this publication was produced, the General Assembly adopted revised maps for the four judicial districts outside of Illinois, which had been unchanged since 1964. Although implementation of those changes was partially on “hold” by order of the Supreme Court at the time of the previous edition, the court system has now been operating under the new district boundaries without incident for almost two years.

The current edition has been updated to reflect amendments to Illinois Supreme Court rules and statutes adopted since the previous edition, including Rules 2, 21, 22, and 361. The court repealed rule 303A, which prescribed the procedure for obtaining judicial waiver of notice under the Parental Notice of Abortion Act, as of June 1, 2022, to reflect the repeal of the Act that became effective on the same day. Scores of new citations to Supreme Court and Appellate Court decisions addressing a wide variety of appellate practice concerns have also been added.

There are new or expanded discussions in this edition addressing topics including post-trial motions, relief under 735 ILCS 5/2-1401 after the time to appeal has expired, events that may moot appeals, a trial court’s authority to enter nunc pro tunc orders in matters on appeal, the operation of the “savings provision” of Rule 303 for premature notices of appeal, the process for a successful appellant to obtain restitution and other aspects of practice after remand to the trial court, practice under Rule 306, avenues to correct e-filing errors, complex issues of appellate

jurisdiction, new sets of comprehensive local rules adopted by each district of the Appellate Court during the period from September 2021 to August 2023, and more.

As with any legal text, the user should be aware of recent rule changes and other significant developments occurring before the publication of the next edition. Suggestions for changes and additions to this publication are very welcome.