

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2026 EDITION

This 2026 edition of the *Illinois Appellate Practice Manual* replaces the 2024 edition 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.

The current edition has been updated to reflect amendments to Illinois Supreme Court rules relevant to appellate practice since the previous edition, including Rules 9 (regarding curing rejected filings), 11 (modifications to requirements for electronic service of documents), 23 (citation to Rule 23 orders), 313 (eliminating charges for digital access to documents), 315 (providing new requirements for petitions for leave to appeal in certain types of cases) and 373 (dates of filing certain documents in reviewing courts). Scores of new citations to Supreme Court and Appellate Court decisions addressing a wide variety of appellate practice concerns have also been added.

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.