

1 **Rule 30. Decision of the court; notice of decision.**

2 (a) **Decision in civil cases.** The court may reverse, affirm, modify, or otherwise dispose  
3 of any appealed order or judgment ~~appealed from~~. If the findings of fact in a case are  
4 incomplete, the court may order the trial court or agency to supplement, modify, or  
5 complete the findings to make them conform to the issues presented and the facts as  
6 found from the evidence and may direct the trial court or agency to enter judgment in  
7 accordance with the findings as revised. The court may also order a new trial or further  
8 proceedings to be conducted. If a new trial is granted, the court may pass upon and  
9 determine all questions of law involved in the case presented upon the appeal and  
10 necessary to the final determination of the case.

11 (b) **Decision in criminal cases.** If a judgment of conviction is reversed, a new trial ~~shall~~  
12 will be held unless the court specifies otherwise ~~specified by the court~~. If a judgment of  
13 conviction or other order is affirmed or modified, the judgment or order affirmed or  
14 modified ~~shall~~will be executed.

15 (c) **Decision and opinion in writing; ~~entry of decision~~.** When a judgment, decree, or  
16 order is reversed, modified, or affirmed, the reasons ~~shall~~will be stated concisely in  
17 writing and filed with the clerk. Any justice or judge concurring or dissenting may  
18 likewise give reasons in writing and file the same with the clerk. The clerk's entry ~~by~~  
19 ~~the clerk~~ in the court's records ~~of the court shall~~ constitutes the entry of the judgment of  
20 the court.

21 (d) **Form of decision.** An appellate court's decision may be entered by order, opinion,  
22 or per curiam decision. An order will not stand as precedent but will otherwise have the  
23 same force and effect as other court decisions.

24 ~~(d) **Decision without opinion.** If, after oral argument, the court concludes that a case~~  
25 ~~satisfies the criteria set forth in Rule 31(b), it may dispose of the case by order without~~  
26 ~~written opinion. The decision shall have only such effect as precedent as is provided for~~  
27 ~~by Rule 31(f).~~

28 (ef) Entry and N**notice of decision.** The entry of the decision in the court's records  
29 constitutes the entry of the court's judgment. Immediately upon ~~the entry of~~entering the  
30 decision, the clerk ~~shall~~must give notice to the respective parties and make the decision  
31 public in accordance with the court's direction~~of the court.~~

32 (1) If the court's decision is by order, the appellate clerk will transmit the order to  
33 the parties and to the lower court or agency.

34 (2) If the court's decision is by opinion or per curiam decision, the decision will  
35 be published on the courts' website at [utcourts.gov](http://utcourts.gov).

36 (fg) **Citation of decisions.** Published decisions of the Supreme Court and the Court of  
37 Appeals, and unpublished decisions of the Court of Appeals issued ~~on or after~~between  
38 October 1, 1998 and December 31, 2010, may be cited as precedent in all courts of the  
39 State. Other unpublished decisions may also be cited, so long as all parties and the court  
40 are supplied with accurate copies at the time all such decisions are first cited.

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