

Rule 603. Court To Which Appeal is Taken

Appeals in criminal cases in which a statute of the United States or of this State has been held invalid shall lie directly to the Supreme Court as a matter of right. All other appeals in criminal cases shall be taken to the Appellate Court.

Amended effective July 1, 1971; amended October 1, 2010, effective immediately; amended Feb. 6, 2013, eff. immediately.

Committee Comments

(Revised July 1, 1971)

The rule, new in 1967, was revised in 1971, in light of the new constitution, which limited the Supreme Court's mandatory direct appellate jurisdiction to death cases. The constitutional question basis for direct appeal was revised to limit direct appeal to cases in which a statute is held invalid. The same provision appears in Rule 302, governing civil appeals.