

Rule 301. Method of Review

Every final judgment of a circuit court in a civil case is appealable as of right. The appeal is initiated by filing a notice of appeal. No other step is jurisdictional. An appeal is a continuation of the proceeding.

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Committee Comments
(Revised July 1, 1971)

This rule, adopted pursuant to the authority given the Supreme Court by the judicial article effective January 1, 1964, former article VI, section 7, present article VI, section 16, prescribes the method of review of final judgments. The rule was primarily based upon and replaced former sections 74, 76(2), and 80 of the Civil Practice Act. The next to last sentence of the rule was intended to incorporate and restate the provisions of the last two sentences of former section 74(1).

Supersedure of statutory provisions relating to appeals is covered by Rule 1.

Commentary
(December 17, 1993)

The last two sentences concerning a writ of error have been deleted because they are outdated. The notice of appeal preserves for review all judgments and orders specified therein.