

APPELLATE PROCEDURE CHART C

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Table of authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Statement of the issues presented for review	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Routing statement	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Nature of the case	Yes	Only if dissatisfied with the appellant's statements	No	Yes
Statement of the facts	Yes	Only if dissatisfied with the appellant's statements	No	Yes
Jurisdictional statement (for appeals from a final judgment of sentence following a guilty plea)	Yes	Only if dissatisfied with the appellant's statements	No	Yes
Argument	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Statement of error preservation	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Statement of scope and standard of appellate review	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Conclusion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Request for oral or nonoral submission	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Certificate of cost²	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
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¹The Iowa Rules of Appellate Procedure govern the procedure in all appeals in Iowa and should be reviewed in full. This chart is merely illustrative of typical appeals and may not cover every procedural situation or type of appeal.

²A certificate of cost is only required for briefs filed in paper form. Iowa R. App. P. 6.903(2)(a)(11).

³A certificate of compliance is not required for briefs that are handwritten. Iowa R. App. P. 6.903(1)(i)(4).