

**JUDICIAL CHECKLIST**  
**EXPEDITED APPEALS IN CHILD WELFARE CASES**  
 Utah Code Ann. § 78A-6-1109

**To Parties Present in the Courtroom:**

- “For all child welfare appeals of abuse, neglect and dependency; terminations of parental rights; or adoption proceedings, you have the right to appeal according to these deadlines:

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>DEADLINE</i>	<i>EXAMPLE: Juvenile Court Order entered 1/1/08</i>
<i>File Notice of Appeal</i>	15 days after Juvenile Court order	1/15/2008
<i>File Cross-Appeal</i>	No later than 5 days after the Notice of Appeal is filed	
<i>Request Transcript</i>	4 days after Notice of Appeal	1/19/2008
<i>File Petition on Appeal</i>	15 days after Notice of Appeal	1/30/2008
<i>Filing of Response</i>	15 days after Service of Petition	2/14/2008 (+3 days if mailed)

(These deadlines do not apply to other proceedings under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court like delinquency appeals, protective orders, or substantiation proceedings.)”

- “You must **personally** sign the Notice of Appeal along with your lawyer.”
- “You must maintain regular contact with your lawyer and keep all other parties and the appellate court updated on any change of address or telephone.”
- (Judge may provide written form notice, obtain signatures and maintain copy of form in the legal file.)

**When Parties Are Not Present in the Courtroom:**

- Mail a written statement of the rights above to the parties at their last known address.
- Provide written form notice to parties’ counsel and obtain signatures.

**At the Conclusion of Trial Proceedings, Inform Parties' Counsel:**

- “You must represent your client(s) throughout the appellate process unless you show extraordinary circumstances and I relieve you of that obligation.”
- “Claims of ineffective assistance of counsel **do not** constitute extraordinary circumstances before the petition on appeal is filed. If you or your client raises such a claim, include that claim in the petition on appeal.”
- “Maintain regular contact with your client. Inform the courts of any change in address or telephone.”