

1 Your Right to Appeal

You may have the right to appeal judgments and orders in juvenile proceedings under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 300, 601, and 602. If you do not appeal in time, you could lose any right to appeal the judgment or order.

If a judgment or order was entered by a referee or commissioner, it becomes appealable after a rehearing by a judge is completed or when the time to apply for a rehearing has expired.

2 Steps and Time for Taking an Appeal

To appeal from a judgment or an appealable order of this court, you must file a written notice of appeal within 60 days after the judge renders the judgment or makes the order being appealed or, in matters heard by a referee or commissioner, within 60 days after the order of the referee or commissioner becomes final. An order of a referee or commissioner becomes final 10 calendar days after the order is served.

You may use *Notice of Appeal—Juvenile* (form JV-800) for this purpose. You can get form JV-800 at any courthouse or county law library or online at www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm.

The notice of appeal must be filed in this court, not the Court of Appeal. The notice must clearly state that you are appealing; identify the judgment or order by date, or describe it; and indicate whether you are appealing the entire judgment or order, or just part of it. You or your attorney must sign the notice of appeal.

3 Requesting an Attorney

If you cannot afford to hire an attorney for the appeal, you may request that the Court of Appeal appoint an attorney to represent you. You may use *Notice of Appeal—Juvenile* (form JV-800) to make this request by checking the appropriate box. After you file the notice of appeal and make the request for an attorney, the Court of Appeal will contact you to find out whether you have the right to an appointed attorney.

4 Free Copy of the Transcript

If you cannot afford to hire an attorney for this appeal, you may also be eligible for a free copy of the transcript.

Important!

You must keep the Court of Appeal advised of your current mailing address.