

1 **Rule 53. Notice of appeal in child welfare appeals.**

2 **(a) Filing and contents.** A notice of appeal filed pursuant to Rule [52\(a\)](#) must be filed with the clerk of  
3 the juvenile court where the order was entered. The notice ~~shall~~must specify the ~~party or parties taking~~  
4 ~~the appeal;~~ shall appellant and designate the judgment or order, or part thereof, appealed from; ~~shall~~  
5 ~~designate the court from which the appeal is taken;~~ and ~~shall designate the court to which the appeal is~~  
6 ~~taken.~~ The notice of appeal ~~shall~~must substantially comply with the notice of appeal form that  
7 accompanies these rules.

8 **(b) Signature or Diligent Search.** The notice of appeal must be signed by appellant’s counsel and  
9 by appellant, unless the appellant is a minor child or state agency. Counsel filing a notice of appeal  
10 without appellant’s signature ~~shall~~must contemporaneously file, with the clerk of the juvenile court, a  
11 certification that substantially complies with the Counsel’s Certification of Diligent Search form that  
12 accompanies these rules. An amended notice of appeal adding appellant’s signature ~~shall~~must be filed  
13 within 15 days of the filing of the notice of appeal or the appeal ~~shall~~will be dismissed.

14 **(c) Service.** The appellant shall serve a copy of the notice on counsel of record of each party,  
15 including the Guardian ad Litem, or, if the party is not represented by counsel, then on the party ~~at the~~  
16 ~~party’s last known address,~~ in the a manner prescribed in Rule ~~3(e)~~21. ~~Promptly after filing the notice of~~  
17 ~~appeal with the clerk of the juvenile court, the appellant shall mail or deliver an informational copy of such~~  
18 ~~notice to the clerk of the Court of Appeals.~~

19 **Advisory Committee Note**

20 As provided in Rule 21, the appellant may sign the notice of appeal by any means recognized by law.  
21 This includes an electronic signature within the definition of Utah Code Section 46-4-102.

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