

1 **Rule 56. Response to petition ~~on~~in child welfare appeals.**

2 **(a) Filing.** Any appellee, including the Guardian ad Litem, may file a response to the petition on
3 appeal. ~~An original and four copies of the response must be filed with the clerk of the Court of Appeals~~
4 within 15 days after ~~service filing~~ of the appellant's petition on appeal. It ~~shall~~must be accompanied by
5 proof of service. ~~The~~ If the response shall be ~~is~~ delivered by first-class mail, it is deemed filed on the date
6 of the postmark ~~if first-class mail is utilized~~. The appellee ~~shall~~must serve a copy on counsel of record of
7 each party, including the Guardian ad Litem, or, if the party is not represented by counsel, then on the
8 party ~~at the party's last known address~~, in the manner prescribed in Rule 21(c).

9 **(b) Format.** A response ~~shall~~must ~~comply with Rule 27(a) and~~ substantially comply with the
10 Response to Petition on Appeal form that accompanies these rules. The response ~~shall~~may not exceed
11 15 pages, excluding any attachments, ~~and shall comply with Rule 27(a) and (b), except that it may be~~
12 ~~printed or duplicated on one side of the sheet.~~

13 **(c) Compliance with Rule 21.** Responses made under this rule that contain information or records
14 classified as other than public must comply with Rule 21(g).

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