

1 **Rule 56. Response to petition on appeal.**

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

12 (b) **Format.** A response must ~~shall~~ substantially comply with the Response to Petition
13 on Appeal form that accompanies these rules. The response ~~shall~~ may not exceed ~~15~~
14 ~~pages~~ 5,000 words, excluding any attachments, and must ~~shall~~ comply with Rule 27. ~~(a)~~
15 ~~and (b), except that it may be printed or duplicated on one side of the sheet.~~

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