

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §51-11-7

## **§51-11-7. Rules of practice and procedure; fees; deadlines.**

(a) Section three, article VIII of the Constitution of West Virginia grants the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia supervisory control over all intermediate appellate courts in the state, including the power to promulgate rules for the procedures of an intermediate appellate court created by statute. In accordance with those provisions, the Intermediate Court of Appeals is therefore subject to the administrative control, supervision, and oversight of the Supreme Court of Appeals and unless specifically provided otherwise in this article, the pleadings, practice, and procedure in all matters before the Intermediate Court of Appeals are governed by rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

(b) *Filing; records.* — All notices of appeals, petitions, documents, and records in connection with an appeal to the Intermediate Court of Appeals shall be filed in accordance with rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Appeals. Appeals to the Intermediate Court of Appeals shall be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals. All appeals and other related documents shall be filed by electronic means, when available.

(c) *Fees.* —

(1) The Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals may charge a party appealing to the Intermediate Court of Appeals a filing fee in the amount of \$200.

(2) All moneys collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the Ryan Brown Addiction Prevention and Recovery Fund, created by §16-53-2 of this code, and all expenditures from the fund shall comply with the requirements of that section.

(d) *Appeal bonds.* — The court may order the payment of an appeal bond before an appeal to the Intermediate Court of Appeals may commence, pursuant to rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Appeals, and when applicable, the requirements of §58-5-14 of this code.

(e) Oral argument. — The Intermediate Court of Appeals has discretion to determine whether appellate review of a case before the court requires oral argument.