

Rule 704. ADVISING DEFENDANTS OF APPELLATE RIGHTS AFTER SENTENCING.

Prior to the sentencing hearing, a defendant who is represented by counsel shall execute Form 704 A, which is entitled “APPELLATE RIGHTS OF DEFENDANT AFTER SENTENCING – After Trial” or Form 704 B, which is entitled “APPELLATE RIGHTS OF DEFENDANT AFTER SENTENCING – Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere Plea”.

Defendant’s counsel shall review and explain the form to the defendant and allow the defendant to read the form prior to the defendant and defendant’s counsel signing the form. Counsel’s signature on the form shall constitute certification by counsel that counsel has read, discussed and explained the form to the defendant and, to the best of counsel’s knowledge, information or belief the defendant understands the form.