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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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## FED. R. APP. P. 39. COSTS

- (a) Against Whom Assessed. The following rules apply unless the law provides or the court orders otherwise;
- (1) if an appeal is dismissed, costs are taxed against the appellant, unless the parties agree otherwise;
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- (d) Bill of costs: Objections; Insertion in Mandate.
- (1) A party who wants costs taxed must within 14 days after entry of judgment file with the circuit clerk, with proof of service, an itemized and verified bill of costs.
- (2) Objections must be filed within 14 days after service of the bill of costs, unless the court extends the time.
- (3) The clerk must prepare and certify an itemized statement of costs for insertion in the mandate, but issuance of the mandate must not be delayed for taxing costs. If the mandate issues before costs are finally determined, the district clerk must upon the circuit clerk's request add the statement of costs, or any amendment of it, to the mandate.
- (e) Costs of Appeal Taxable in the District Court. The following costs on appeal are taxable in the district court for the benefit of the party entitled to costs under this rule:
- (1) the preparation and transmission of the record;
- (2) the reporter's transcript, if needed to determine the appeal;
- (3) premiums paid for a supersedeas bond or other bond to preserve rights pending appeal; and
- (4) the fee for filing the notice of appeal.