

FORM 6. BRIEF OF [\_\_\_\_\_]
[Rule 10.3(a)]
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Constitutional Provisions

[Here list constitutional provisions in the order in which the provisions appear in the constitution with page numbers where each is referred to in the brief.]

Statutes

[Here list statutes in the order in which they appear in RCW, U.S.C., etc., with page numbers where each is referred to in the brief. Common names of statutes may be used in addition to code numbers.]

Regulations and Rules

[Here list regulations and court rules grouped in appropriate categories and listed in numerical order in each category with page numbers where each is referred to in the brief.]

Other Authorities

[Here list other authorities with page numbers where each is referred to in the brief.]
Note: For form of citations generally, see sections 71 through 76 of F. Wiener, Briefing and Arguing Federal Appeals (1967).

A. Assignments of error

Assignments of Error

[Here separately state and number each assignment of error as required by rule 10.3(a) and (g). For example:

“1. The trial court erred in entering the order of May 12, 1975, denying defendant’s motion to vacate the judgment entered on May 1, 1975.”

Or

“2. The trial court erred in denying the defendant’s motion suppress evidence by order entered on March 10, 1975.]

Issues Pertaining to Assignments of Error

[Concisely define the legal issues in question form which the appellate court is asked to decide and number each issue. List after each issue the Assignments of Error which pertain to the issue. Proper phrasing of the issues is important. Each issue should be phrased in the terms and circumstances of the case, but without unnecessary detail. The court should be able to determine what the case is about and what specific issues the court will be called upon to decide by merely reading the issues presented for review. For an excellent discussion of how to properly phrase issues, see sections 31 through 33 of F. Weiner, *Briefing and Arguing Federal Appeals* (1967)]

[Examples of issues presented for review are:

“Does an attorney, without express authority from his client, have implied authority to stipulate to the entry of judgment against his client as a part of a settlement which limits the satisfaction of the judgment to specific which limits the satisfaction of the judgment to specific property of the client? (Assignment of Error 1.)

or

“Defendant was arrested for a traffic offense and held in jail for 2 days because of outstanding traffic warrants. The police impounded defendant’s car and conducted a warrantless ‘inventory’ search of defendant’s car and seized stolen property from the trunk. The impound was not authorized by any ordinance. Did the search and seizure violated defendant’s rights under the fourth and fourteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States and under article I, section 7 of the Constitution of the United State of Washington? (Assignment of Error 2.)”]

B. Statement of the Case

[Write a statement of the procedure below and the facts relevant to the issues presented for review. The statement should not be argumentative. Every factual statement should be supported by a reference to the record. See rule 10.4(f) for proper abbreviations for the record. For a good discussion of this aspect of brief writing, see Wiener, *supra*, sections 23 through 28 and 42 through 45.]

C. Summary of Argument

[This is optional. For suggestions for preparing a summary of argmentm see Wiener, *supra*, section 65.]

D. Argument

[The argument should ordinarily be separately stated under appropriate heading for each issue presented for review. Long arguments should include citations to legal authority and references to relevant parts of the record. See Wiener, *supra*, sections 34 through 36, 38 and 46 through 64]

E. Conclusion

[Here state the precise relief sought.]

[Date]

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX  
[Optional. See rule 10.3(a)(7).]