

APPEAL OF A TRAFFIC CASE

When you appeal a traffic case from General District Court to Circuit Court, the case is re-tried before a Judge. Unless dismissed, you will owe court costs for both courts (since your case has been heard twice) and whatever fine the Circuit Court Judge may impose.

To appeal a circuit court decision, you will need to seek legal advice. Unlike the appeal process from district court to circuit court, the appeal process to an appellate court (either the Supreme Court of Virginia or the Court of Appeals) is more complicated and we cannot advise you nor are there forms available in the clerk's office. Appellate courts do not re-try a case; they look for errors in the legal process or consider matters of law.