

## **RULE 46A. PARTIES APPEARING [~~WITHOUT COUNSEL~~] PRO SE**

**(a) In General.** Except as otherwise provided in this Rule, a party may appear [~~without counsel~~] pro se and file written briefs and other papers submitted in accordance with these Rules. A party who is represented by counsel [**shall**] must proceed through counsel and is not permitted to file written briefs or other papers, in pro se, with the exception of a motion to remove counsel.

### **(b) Exceptions.**

**(1) Direct Appeal From a Judgment of Conviction.** A defendant who is appealing from a judgment of conviction may not appear [~~without counsel~~] pro se.

**(2) Corporations and Other Entities.** A corporation or other entity may not appear [~~without counsel~~] pro se.

**(c) Response Not Required.** An opposing party is not required to respond to documents, including briefs, filed by a party appearing [~~without counsel~~] pro se unless ordered to do so by the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals. Except for motions described in Rules 27(b) and 46(d), the court generally will not grant relief without providing an opportunity to file a response.

**(d) Return of Documents.** The clerk of the Supreme Court [**shall**] will return any document submitted in violation of this Rule.