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Comment:

I am a pro se litigant. I believe that it is imperative that the court adopts this rule. Typically, there is no cost in the course of litigation that is more expensive than the cost of preparation of appellate transcripts.

For example, if a pro se litigant is involved in a civil case in which there is a 2 day evidentiary hearing that consists of over 300 pages at \$1.75 per page that is over \$500.

Most opposing counsel will not stipulate to a settled statement of facts to act as an alternative of producing the full transcripts. Also, most judges will not grant an order waiving full production of the trial court transcripts.

Which means the pro se litigant only option is to somehow, somehow try to find over \$500 for the preparation of such required transcripts. Guess what happens if a pro se litigant does not have the money to produce the transcripts? The Court of Appeals deemed waived any arguments about errors made at such hearings in which transcripts are not produced.

So if a pro se litigant does not have money to order and produce transcripts, their appeal is doomed from the start because the court of appeals will deem forfeited any arguments about errors made at such hearings.

This cost of transcripts for indigent pro se litigants essentially denies litigants from equal access of the law for appellate review