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Trends Practitioners Are Seeing

- Increasing development of law firm appellate groups and recognition of appellate practice as a specialty
- Increasing client interest in amicus briefs
- Increasing use of mediation and proposals for other resolution procedures
- Increasing use of technology
- Increasing appearance of the pro se litigant on appeal
- Increasing resort to “premature” notices of appeal
- Increasing turnaround time for preparation of trial transcripts
- Developments in criminal appeals

Trends Practitioners Would Like To See

- Oral argument
 - * The basics for a good oral argument from the practitioner’s viewpoint
 - * The broadcasting of oral arguments: impact on the Court, parties, practitioners, and the public
- Written decisions
 - * The basics of a good decision from a practitioner’s viewpoint
 - Clear statement of the principles of law being applied and the factual bases for the legal statement
 - Model set forth by Supreme Court’s newly adopted Writing Manual

Trends the Courts of Appeals Are Likely To See

- Oil and Gas Litigation
 - * Ohio is experiencing an oil and gas boom
 - * What is “fracking”?
 - * What types of appellate cases will it generate?