§ 1703. Appeals; practice and procedure in general. (a) Practice and procedure on appeals shall be as provided in article 55 of the CPLR except insofar as this act or the rules of this court consistent with this act otherwise provide.

(b) An appeal as of right from a judgment entered in a small claim or a commercial claim must be taken within thirty days of the following, whichever first occurs:

1. service by the court of a copy of the judgment appealed from upon the appellant.

2. service by a party of a copy of the judgment appealed from upon the appellant.

3. service by the appellant of a copy of the judgment appealed from upon a party.

Where service as provided in paragraphs one through three of this subdivision is by mail, five days shall be added to the thirty day period prescribed in this section.