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*Statute on confidentiality or judicial or administrative protective orders. (if required)	FCR 30(h)(2)(A)
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Relevant docket entries in proceeding below.	FRAP 30(a)(1)(A)
Relevant portions of pleadings, charge, findings, or opinion.	FRAP 30(a)(1)(B)
In a jury case, judge's charge, jury's verdict, jury's response to interrogatories.	FCR 30(a)(2)(A)(ii)
In an appeal involving a patent, that patent in suit in its entirety.	FCR 30(a)(2)(A)(iii)
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