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Federal Courts of Appeals can affirm or reverse a district's court order or judgment without a written opinion. Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 36 provides that a clerk must enter a judgment "after receiving the court's opinion" or "if a judgment is rendered without an opinion, as the court instructs." To read more, click on "Download PDF."