

**Appendix:
Length Limits Stated in the
Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure
(Effective December 1, 2016)**

This chart summarizes the length limits stated in the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. Please refer to the rules for precise requirements, and bear in mind the following:

- In computing these limits, you can exclude the items listed in Rule 32(f).
- If you use a word limit or a line limit (other than the word limit in Rule 28(j)), you must file the certificate required by Rule 32(g).
- For the limits in Rules 5, 21, 27, 35, and 40:
 - You must use the word limit if you produce your document on a computer; and
 - You must use the page limit if you handwrite your document or type it on a typewriter.
- For the limits in Rules 28.1, 29(a)(5), and 32:
 - You may use the word limit or page limit, regardless of how you produce the document; or
 - You may use the line limit if you type or print your document with a monospaced typeface. A typeface is monospaced when each character occupies the same amount of horizontal space.

	Rule	Document Type	Word limit	Page limit	Line limit
Permission to appeal	5(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition for permission to appeal • Answer in opposition • Cross-petition 	5,200	20	Not Applicable
Extraordinary writs	21(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition for writ of mandamus or prohibition or other extra ordinary writ • Answer 	7,800	30	Not Applicable
Motion	27(d)(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion 	5,200	20	Not Applicable
	27(d)(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to a motion • Reply to a response to a motion 	2,600	10	Not Applicable

	Rule	Document Type	Word limit	Page limit	Line limit
Parties' briefs (where no cross-appeal)	32(a)(7)	• Principal brief	13,000	30	1,300
	32(a)(7)	• Reply brief	6,500	15	650
Parties' briefs (where cross-appeal)	28.1(e)	• Appellant's principal brief	13,000	30	1,300
		• Appellee's response and reply brief			
	28.1(e)	• Appellee's principal and response brief	15,300	35	1,500
Party's supplemental letter	28.1(e)	• Appellee's reply brief	6,500	15	650
	28(j)	• Letter citing supplemental authorities	350	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Amicus briefs	29(a)(5)	• Amicus brief during initial consideration of case on merits	One-half the length set by the Appellate Rules for a party's principal brief	One-half the length set by the Appellate Rules for a party's principal brief	One-half the length set by the Appellate Rules for a party's principal brief
	29(b)(4)	• Amicus brief during consideration of whether to grant rehearing	2,600	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Rehearing and en banc filings	35(b)(2) & 40(b)	• Petition for hearing en banc	3,900	15	Not Applicable
		• Petition for panel rehearing: petition for rehearing en banc			