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I practice before the United States Courts of Appeals and would like to comment on the proposed changes to FRAP 27, concerning motions. In addition to requiring that motions and responses and replies to motions conform to the typeface requirements for briefs, I would urge the committee to consider imposing a word-limit, rather than a page-limit, requirement. When this change was made for briefs it was a very positive and time-saving amendment; instead of worrying about altering paragraphs, headings, and sentence structure to meet a page limit, lawyers could spend more time on the substance of their work and simply follow a word limit. These benefits would be apply equally to motions.

Thank you.

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