**Appendix:**

**Length Limits Stated in the**

**Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure**

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, 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** |
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| **Permission to appeal** | 5(c) | * Petition for permission to appeal * Answer in opposition * Cross-petition | 5,200 | 20 | Not applicable |
| **Extraordinary writs** | 21(d) | * Petition for writ of mandamus or prohibition or other extraordinary writ * Answer | 7,800 | 30 | Not applicable |
| **Motions** | 27(d)(2)  27(d)(2) | * Motion * Response to a motion * Reply to a response to a motion | 5,200  2,600 | 20  10 | Not applicable  Not applicable |
| **Parties’ briefs (where no cross-appeal)** | 32(a)(7)  32(a)(7) | * Principal brief      * Reply brief | 13,000  6,500 | 30  15 | 1,300  650 |
| **Parties’ briefs (where cross-appeal** | 28.1(e)  28.1(e)  28.1(e) | * Appellant’s principal brief * Appellant’s response and reply brief      * Appellee’s principal and response brief * Appellee’s reply brief | 13,000  15,300  6,500 | 30  35  15 | 1,300  1,500  650 |
| **Party’s supplemental letter** | 28(j) | * Letter citing supplemental authorities | 350 | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| **Amicus briefs** | 29(a)(5)  29(b)(4) | * Amicus brief during initial consideration of case on merits                * Amicus brief during consideration of whether to grant rehearing | One-half the length set by the Appellate Rules for a party’s principal brief  2,600 | One-half the length set by the Appellate Rules for a party’s principal brief  Not applicable | One-half the length set by the Appellate Rules for a party’s principal brief  Not applicable |
| **Rehearing and en banc filings** | 40(d)(3) | * Petition for initial hearing en banc * Petition for panel rehearing; petition for rehearing en banc * Response if requested by the court | 3,900 | 15 | Not applicable |