

**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, 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.

	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Document type</b>	<b>Word limit</b>	<b>Page limit</b>	<b>Line limit</b>
<b>Permission to appeal</b>	5(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petition for permission to appeal</li> <li>• Answer in opposition</li> <li>• Cross-petition</li> </ul>	5,200	20	Not applicable
<b>Extraordinary writs</b>	21(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petition for writ of mandamus or prohibition or other extraordinary writ</li> <li>• Answer</li> </ul>	7,800	30	Not applicable

<b>Motions</b>	27(d)(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion</li> <li>• Response to a motion</li> </ul>	5,200	20	Not applicable
	27(d)(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reply to a response to a motion</li> </ul>	2,600	10	Not applicable
<b>Parties' briefs (where no cross-appeal)</b>	32(a)(7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal brief</li> </ul>	13,000	30	1,300
	32(a)(7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reply brief</li> </ul>	6,500	15	650
<b>Parties' briefs (where cross-appeal)</b>	28.1(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appellant's principal brief</li> <li>• Appellant's response and reply brief</li> </ul>	13,000	30	1,300
	28.1(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appellee's principal and response brief</li> </ul>	15,300	35	1,500
	28.1(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appellee's reply brief</li> </ul>	6,500	15	650
	28(j)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter citing supplemental authorities</li> </ul>	350	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Party's supplemental letter</b>					
<b>Amicus briefs</b>	29(a)(5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amicus brief during initial consideration of case on merits</li> </ul>	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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amicus brief during consideration of whether to grant rehearing</li> </ul>	2,600	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Rehearing and en banc filings</b>	35(b)(2) & 40(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petition for hearing en banc</li> <li>• Petition for panel rehearing; petition for rehearing en banc</li> </ul>	3,900	15	Not applicable