

Appendix* to 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 (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.
- 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.

	Rule	Document type	Word limit	Page limit
Permission to appeal	5(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition for permission to appeal • Answer in opposition • Cross-petition 	5,200	Not applicable
Extraordinary writs	21(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition for writ of mandamus or prohibition or other extraordinary writ • Answer 	7,800	Not applicable
Motions	27(d)(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion • Response to a motion 	5,200	Not applicable
	27(d)(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reply to a response to a motion 	2,600	Not applicable
Parties' briefs (where no cross-appeal)	32(a)(7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal brief 	13,000	30
	32(a)(7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reply brief 	6,500	15
Parties' briefs (where cross-appeal)	28.1(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appellant's principal brief • Appellant's response and reply brief 	13,000	30
	28.1(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appellee's principal and response brief 	15,300	35
	28.1(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appellee's reply brief 	6,500	15
Party's supplemental letter	28(j)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter citing supplemental authorities 	350	Not applicable
Amicus briefs	29(a)(5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
	29(b)(4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amicus brief during consideration of whether to grant rehearing 	2,600	Not applicable
Rehearing and en banc filings	35(b)(2) & 40(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition for hearing en banc • Petition for panel rehearing; petition for rehearing en banc 	3,900	Not applicable

* The U.S. Courts produced an appendix to serve as a permanent attachment to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. We have modified the appendix to include only those provisions most relevant to a federal civil-litigation practice.