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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.

	<u>Rule</u>	<u>Document type</u>	<u>Word limit</u>	<u>Page limit</u>	<u>Line limit</u>
<u>Permission to appeal</u>	<u>5(c)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Petition for permission to appeal</u> • <u>Answer in opposition</u> • <u>Cross-petition</u> 	<u>5,200</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>

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<u>Extraordinary writs</u>	<u>21(d)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Petition for writ of mandamus or prohibition or other extraordinary writ</u> • <u>Answer</u> 	<u>7,800</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>
<u>Motions</u>	<u>27(d)(2)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Motion</u> • <u>Response to a motion</u> 	<u>5,200</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>
	<u>27(d)(2)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Reply to a response to a motion</u> 	<u>2,600</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>
<u>Parties' briefs (where no cross-appeal)</u>	<u>32(a)(7)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Principal brief</u> 	<u>13,000</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1,300</u>
	<u>32(a)(7)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Reply brief</u> 	<u>6,500</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>650</u>
<u>Parties' briefs (where cross-appeal)</u>	<u>28.1(e)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Appellant's principal brief</u> • <u>Appellant's response and reply brief</u> 	<u>13,000</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1,300</u>
	<u>28.1(e)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Appellee's principal and response brief</u> 	<u>15,300</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>28.1(e)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Appellee's reply brief</u> 	<u>6,500</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>650</u>
<u>Party's supplemental letter</u>	<u>28(j)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Letter citing supplemental authorities</u> 	<u>350</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>

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<u>Amicus briefs</u>	29(a)(5)	• <u>Amicus brief during initial consideration of case on merits</u>	<u>One-half the length set by the Appellate Rules for a party's principal brief</u>	<u>One-half the length set by the Appellate Rules for a party's principal brief</u>	<u>One-half the length set by the Appellate Rules for a party's principal brief</u>
	29(b)(4)	• <u>Amicus brief during consideration of whether to grant rehearing</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>
<u>Rehearing and en banc filings</u>	35(b)(2) & 40(b)	• <u>Petition for hearing en banc</u> • <u>Petition for panel rehearing; petition for rehearing en banc</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>