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- The following word limits apply: appellant brief and appellee brief (13,500), appellant reply brief (6500), cross-appellant combined brief (18,000), cross-appellee combined brief (16,000), cross-appellant reply brief (6500) and amicus brief (4000).
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- When a claim relies on the state constitution as an independent ground for relief, the clerk shall, upon request, grant an additional 2000 words for the appellant and appellee briefs and an additional 800 words for the reply brief, which words are only to be used for the state constitutional argument.
- Use a 12 point serif font for all text except headings, which must be a 14 point serif font. Fonts must be embedded.
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- Use **bold face** or *italic* for emphasis. Do not use underlining.
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- Starting with the cover, and including the appendix, number each page "Page [page number] of [total number of pages]," e.g. "Page 2 of 5."
 - If the paper appendix is large enough to require binding separate from the brief, include the appendix' cover page in the PDF to ensure that the page numbering scheme is consistent.
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- One legible photocopy of the brief and appendix, if any, shall be filed with the Appellate Clerk.
 - The brief shall be single-sided, and the appendix may be single- or double-sided. The appendix may be bound separately or with the brief. If it is bound separately, it must include a numbered cover page. All cover pages must be heavy white paper.
- The following page limits apply: appellant brief and appellee brief (35), appellant reply brief (15), cross-appellant combined brief (50), cross-appellee combined brief (40), cross-appellant reply brief (15) and amicus brief (10).
 - Where a claim relies on the state constitution as an independent ground for relief, the clerk shall, upon request, grant an additional five pages for the appellant and appellee briefs, and an additional two pages for the reply brief, which pages are to be used for the state constitutional argument only
- Use 12 point or larger Arial or Univers for all text.
- Page format: 8½ by 11 inch paper; double spaced (footnotes and block quotes may be single spaced); margins of 1 inch at top and bottom, 1¼ inch at left and ½ inch at right
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