

**Proposal 06-07 (P.R. 0153)**  
**Amends Supreme Court Rule 341**  
**Offered by attorney Nancy Lischer**

**Rule 341. Briefs**

**(a) Form of Briefs.** [no changes]

**(b) Length of Briefs.**

(1) Page or Word Limitation.

(A) The brief of appellant and brief of appellee, excluding only those matters required by Rule 342(a) to be appended thereto, shall each be limited to 50 pages, and the reply brief to 20 pages. Cross-appellants and cross-appellees shall each be allowed an additional 30 pages, and the cross-appellant's reply brief shall not exceed 20 pages. In the Supreme Court, briefs of appellant and appellee in capital cases shall each be limited to 75 pages and the reply brief to 27 pages.

(B) Word Limitation.

(i) A principal brief of appellant and appellee is acceptable if it contains no more than 14,000 words;

(ii) A reply brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 7,000 words.

(iii) Cross-appellants and cross-appellees shall each be allowed an additional 9,000 words, and the cross-appellee's reply brief shall not exceed 7,000 words. In the Supreme Court, briefs of appellant and appellee in capital cases shall each be limited to 23,000 words, and the reply brief to 16,000 words.

(C) Headings, footnotes, and quotations count toward the word limitation. The cover, points and authorities, appendix (as required by Rule 342(a)) and any certificates of counsel do not count toward the limitation.

(2) **Motions.** Motions to file a brief in excess of the page limitation of this rule are not favored. Such a motion shall be filed not less than 10 days before the brief is due or not less than 5 days before a reply brief is due and shall state the excess number of pages requested and the specific grounds establishing the necessity for excess pages. The motion shall be supported by affidavit or verification by certification under Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure of the attorney or unrepresented party. Any affidavit shall be sworn to before a person who has authority under the law to administer oaths.

**(c) Certificate of Compliance.** The attorney or unrepresented party shall submit with the brief his or her signed certification that the brief complies with the form and length requirements

of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this rule, as follows:

I certify that this brief conforms to the requirements of Rules 341(a) and (b). The length of this brief, excluding the appendix, is \_\_\_\_\_ pages.

or

I certify that this brief conforms to the requirements of Rule 341(a) and (b). The length of this brief, excluding cover, points and authorities, appendix and any certificates of counsel is \_\_\_\_\_ words according to the word-processing system used to prepare the brief.

**(d) - (l)** [no changes]