QUICK REFERENCE
Supreme Court Rules

This reference, provided by the Clerk's Office for the convenience of counsel and litigants, summarizes key procedural information set out in the Supreme Court Rules, including document length limits and other filing requirements. Counsel and litigants remain responsible for consulting the specific rules.

Key points:

- **Word limit:** Applies to computer-produced documents.
- **Page limit:** Applies to handwritten or typewritten documents.
- **Pages exempt from word/page count:** (Rule 20(6))
  - Cover Page
  - Table of contents,
  - Table of citations
  - Appendices
  - Certificate of service
  - Signature block
  - Statement of compliance with word count
- **Pagination:** Pages that count towards the word or page limit must be numbered (Rule 21)
- **Spacing**: 1.2-2x line spacing; single spacing allowed for block quotes, headings, captions, footnotes (Rule 16(4))
- **Formatting:** Left-aligned or justified with hyphenation (Rule 16(3))
- **Margins:** ≥ 1 inch all sides (Rule 16(5))
- **Font Size**:
  - Electronic - Body/headings ≥13-point Century Schoolbook; footnotes ≥11-point (Rule 16(2))
  - Paper - Similar in size to 14-point Century Schoolbook (Rule16(6))
- **Signature:** Electronic/paper format (Rule 2(a)&(b))
- **Certification:** All documents must include a certification of word/page count (Rule 20(7))
- **Proof of Service:** Required for all filings (Rule 14)
- **Constitutional Challenge:** Jurisdictional statement must indicate where issue was raised in lower court (Rule 19(1)(c)(ii))

RULE	DOCUMENT	WORD LIMIT	PAGE LIMIT
20(1)	Principal brief	10,000	30
20(2)	Reply brief	7,000	20
20(3) Motions	• Motions • Responses • Replies	7,000	20
20(3) Petitions & Applications	• Certiorari • Interlocutory • Discretionary • CPC • Original	7,000	20
20(4)	Death penalty brief	20,000	80
	Death penalty reply	10,000	40
20(5)	Amicus curiae brief	7,000	
20(8)	Extension requests	1,500	3
27	Motion for reconsideration	5,000	10
	Response to motion for reconsideration	7,000	20
42.1	Reply to certiorari petition	7,000	20
51(1)	Oral argument request	3,000	5
51(6)	Remote oral argument request	1,500	3