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COURT OF APPEAL				
AOB	Green	75 pages <i>(Rule 37(d))*</i>	Orig. + 4	See appointment order <i>(Rules 37(a), 39.1A(g))</i>
Respondent's Brief	Yellow	75 pages <i>(Rule 37(d))*</i>	Orig. + 4	30 days after AOB <i>(Rule 37(a))</i>
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Petition for Rehearing	Orange	75 pages <i>(Rule 37(d))*</i>	Orig. + 4	15 days after decision <i>(Rule 25(b)(1))</i>
Answer to Pet. for Reh'g	Blue	75 pages <i>(Rule 37(d))*</i>	Orig. + 4	8 days after pet for reh'g <i>(Rule 25(b)(2))</i>
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SUPREME COURT				
Petition for Review	White	8,400 words <i>Rule 28.1(e)(1)</i>	Orig. + 13	10 days after decision final as to Ct. of Appeal <i>(Rule 28(e)(1); see rule 24(b) [finality])</i>
Answer to Pet. For Review	Blue	8,400 words <i>Rule 28.1(e)(1)</i>	Orig. + 13	20 days after petition <i>(Rule 28(e)(4))</i>
Reply to Answer to Pet. for Rev.	White	4,200 words <i>Rule 28.1(e)(1)</i>	Orig. + 13	10 days after answer <i>(Rule 28(e)(5))</i>
Opening Brief on Merits	White	14,000 words <i>Rule 29.1(c)(1)</i>	Orig. + 14	30 days after rev. granted <i>(Rule 29.1(a)(1))</i>
Answering Brief on Merits	Blue	14,000 words <i>Rule 29.1(c)(1)</i>	Orig. + 14	30 days after Opening Brief <i>(Rule 29.1(a)(2))</i>
Reply Brief on Merits	White	4,200 words <i>Rule 29.1(c)(1)</i>	Orig. + 14	20 days after answering brief <i>(Rule 29.1(a)(3))</i>
Suppl. Brief on new authorities or legis. not available for brief on merits	[not stated in rules]	2,800 words <i>(Rule 29.1(d)(2))</i>	Orig. + 14	10 days <i>before</i> oral arg <i>(Rule 29.1(d)(2))</i>
Petition for Rehearing	Orange	14,000 <i>Rules 14, 25(b)(3), 29.5(b)</i>	Orig. + 14	15 days after opinion <i>Rules 25(b)(1); 29.5(b)</i>
Answer to Pet. for Reh'g	Blue	14,000 <i>Rules 14, 25(b)(3), 29.5(b)</i>	Orig. + 14	8 days after petition <i>Rules 25(b)(2); 29.5(b)</i>
Original Writ (or answer)	Red	none	Orig. + 13	n/a

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