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COURT OF APPEAL				
AOB	Green	25,500 words (<i>Rule 33(b)</i>)	Orig. + 4	See appointment order (<i>Rules 33(c)(1), 39.1A(g)</i>)
Respondent’s Brief	Yellow	25,500 words (<i>Rule 33(b)</i>)	Orig. + 4	30 days after AOB (<i>Rule 33(c)(2)</i>)
Reply Brief	Tan	25,500 words (<i>Rule 33(b)</i>)	Orig. + 4	20 days after RB (<i>Rule 33(c)(3)</i>)
Petition for Rehearing	Orange	25,500 words (<i>Rule 33(b)</i>)	Orig. + 4	15 days after decision (<i>Rule 25(b)(1)</i>)
Answer to Pet. for Reh’g	Blue	25,500 words (<i>Rule 33(b)</i>)	Orig. + 4	8 days after court order (<i>Rule 25(b)(2)</i>)
Original Writ (or answer)	Red	none	Orig. + 4	n/a
SUPREME COURT				
Petition for Review	White	8,400 words <i>Rule 28.1(d)(1)</i>	Orig. + 13 (normal) Orig. + 8 (exhaust.)	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(d)(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(d)(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. + 13	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. + 13	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. + 13	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. + 13	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. + 13	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. + 13	8 days after petition <i>Rule 29.5(b)</i>
Original Writ (or answer)	Red	none	Orig. + 10	n/a