

**CHANGES TO THE CIRCUIT RULES**  
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**CIRCUIT RULE 28.1 Cross-Appeals**

A brief need not comply with the portion of Fed. R. App. P. 28.1(e)(2) setting maximum word counts for briefs in cross-appeals. An appellant's opening brief in a cross-appeal, or the appellant's response brief, is acceptable if it contains no more than 14,000 words; an appellee's combined principal and response brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 16,500 words; and a reply brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 7,000 words.

**CIRCUIT RULE 29 Brief of an Amicus Curiae**

A brief need not comply with the portion of Fed. R. App. P. 29(a)(5) that limits the brief of an amicus curiae during the initial consideration of a case on the merits to one-half the length allowed by Fed. R. App. P. 32(a)(7) for a party's principal brief. An amicus brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 7,000 words.

**CIRCUIT RULE 32 Form of a Brief**

(c) A brief need not comply with the portion of Fed. R. App. P. 32(a)(7) limiting principal briefs to 13,000 words and reply briefs to 6,500 words. A principal brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 14,000 words, and a reply brief is acceptable if it contains no more than 7,000 words.