

**RULE 171 WORD-COUNT LIMITS (as of 8/1/2017):**

Rule 171. Briefs

(f)(1) length

(A) merits-related motions –

Rule 12 = Motions to dismiss, for judgment on pleadings, preliminary hearings, for more definite statement, to strike, for consolidation of defenses, or waiver of defenses;

Rule 23 = Class Certification;

Rule 23.1 = Derivative Action motions such as share representative, intervention, or dismissal;

Rule 56 = Summary judgment; and

Rule 65 = Preliminary or permanent injunctions such as TRO or status quo.

- Opening brief, opening pre-trial or post trial briefs = 14,000 words
- Answering brief = 14,000 words
- Reply brief = 8,000 words

(B) other motions –

- No brief required.
- Motion limit = 3,000 words
- Opposition = 3,000 words
- Reply = 2,000 words

(C) Letters –

- Letters = 1,000 words