

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

FONT AND PAGE LENGTH REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING BRIEFS

Federal Rule of Appellant Procedure 32(a) states the following:

FRAP 32(a)(5) Typeface. Either a proportionally spaced or a monospaced face may be used.

(A) A proportionally spaced face must include serifs, but sans-serif type may be used in headings and captions. A proportionally spaced face must be 14-point or larger.

(B) A monospaced face may not contain more than 10½ characters per inch.

FRAP 32(a)(6) Type Styles. A brief must be set in a plain, roman style, although italics or boldface may be used for emphasis. Case names must be italicized or underlined.

FRAP 32(a)(7) Length.

(A) Page limitation. A principal brief may not exceed 30 pages, or a reply brief 15 pages, unless it complies with Rule 32(a)(7)(B) and (C).

(B) Type-volume limitation.

(i) A principal brief is acceptable if:

• it contains no more than 14,000 words; or

• it uses a monospaced face and contains no more than 1,300 lines of text.

(ii) A reply brief is acceptable if it contains no more than half of the type volume specified in Rule 32(a)(7)(B)(i).

(iii) Headings, footnotes, and quotations count toward the word and line limitations. The corporate disclosure statement, table of contents, table of citations, statement with respect to oral argument, any addendum containing statutes, rules or regulations, and any certificates of counsel do not count toward the limitation.

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- (i) the number of words in the brief; or
- (ii) the number of lines of monospaced type in the brief.

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(14-Point Font in Times New Roman Style)

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
(14-Point Font in CG Times Style)

Monospaced Fonts/Faces*

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
(12-Point Font in Courier Style with no more than 10½ characters per inch)

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(12-Point Font in Courier New Style with no more than 10½ characters per inch)

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