



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

June 27, 2024

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 28(j)(1), Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure, be amended to read in accordance with Appendix A to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Committee Comment to Amendment to Rule 28(j)(1) Effective October 1, 2024, be adopted to read in accordance with Appendix B to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment of Rule 28(j)(1) and the adoption of the Committee Comment thereto are effective October 1, 2024; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following note from the reporter of decisions be added to follow Rule 28:

"Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending Rule 28(j)(1), Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure, and adopting the Committee Comment thereto, effective October 1, 2024, is published in that volume of *Alabama Reporter* that contains Alabama cases from __ So. 3d."

Parker, C.J., and Shaw, Wise, Bryan, Sellers, Mendheim, Stewart, Mitchell, and Cook, JJ., concur.

Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of June, 2024.

Megan B. Rhodeseuk

**Clerk of Court,
Supreme Court of Alabama**

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APPENDIX A

Rule 28(j)(1), Ala. R. App. P.

(j) Length of Briefs.

(1) *Non-Death-Penalty Cases -- Word/Page Limitation; Method of Numbering Pages.* Except in cases in which the death penalty has been imposed, a principal brief may not exceed 14,000 words (70 pages for a principal brief filed pro se), and a reply brief may not exceed 7,000 words (35 pages for a reply brief filed pro se). The word or page limitation applies to all portions of the brief beginning with the statement of the case, including headings, footnotes, and quotations, but excepting the cover page, a statement regarding oral argument, a table of contents, a statement of jurisdiction, a table of authorities, any certificate of compliance, the signature block, the certificate of service, and any appendices and exhibits. Pages in the brief must be numbered using Arabic numerals, with pagination beginning with the cover of the brief; however, a page number shall not appear on the cover of the brief.



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APPENDIX B

Committee Comment to Amendment to Rule 28(j)(1) Effective October 1, 2024

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the page numbers on the PDF version of a brief match the page numbers printed at the bottom of each page of the brief. The amendment replaces lower-case Roman numerals, such as "ii," "iii," and "iv," on the pages containing the initial sections of the brief (e.g., a statement regarding oral argument, a table of contents, a statement of jurisdiction (if applicable), and a table of authorities), with Arabic numerals, such as "2," "3," and "4." Pagination will start with the cover of the brief, but the number "1" will not be shown on the cover. The next page will show the number "2," and so on. This amendment will aid the appellate courts and the parties in finding pages of one brief that are referred to in another brief. The amendment does not affect the word count for a brief or the sections of a brief that are included in determining the word count.