

DIVISION XVI
APPELLATE PROCEDURE CHARTS

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF A BRIEF¹

Document	Time to file	Length for proportionally spaced typeface	Length for monospaced typeface	Length for handwritten
Appellant’s brief	50 days after the clerk gives notice of the briefing deadline	13,000 words	1,300 lines	50 pages
Appellee’s brief & appellee/cross-appellant’s brief	30 days after service of the appellant’s brief	13,000 words	1,300 lines	50 pages
Appellant’s reply brief	21 days after service of the appellee’s brief	6,500 words	650 lines	25 pages
Appellant/cross-appellee’s reply brief	21 days after service of the appellee/cross-appellant’s brief	13,000 words	1,300 lines	50 pages
Appellee/cross-appellant’s reply brief	14 days after service of the appellant’s/cross-appellee’s reply brief	6,500 words	650 lines	25 pages
Petition for rehearing in court of appeals²	7 days after the court of appeals decision	2,600 words	260 lines	10 pages
Application for further review	20 days after the court of appeals decision	5,200 words	520 lines	20 pages
Resistance to application for further review	10 days after service of the application for further review	5,200 words	520 lines	20 pages
Petition for rehearing in supreme court	14 days after the supreme court decision	2,600 words	260 lines	10 pages

¹The Iowa Rules of Appellate Procedure govern the procedure in all appeals in Iowa and should be reviewed in full. This chart is merely illustrative of typical appeals and may not cover every procedural situation or type of appeal.

²Filing a petition for rehearing in the court of appeals does not stay the time for filing an application for further review. Iowa R. App. P. 6.1204(1).