284th DISTRICT COURT'S
STANDING ORDER REGARDING WORD LIMITS IN PLEADINGS

No party to a lawsuit has requested this Order. Rather, this Order is a Standing Order of the 284th District Court that applies in every suit.

It is ORDERED that:

1) All motions, responses, replies, surreplies, briefs, and memoranda of law must be concise, pertinent, and well organized.

2) Absent leave of Court, all motions, responses, replies, surreplies, briefs, and memoranda of law shall be limited as follows:

* A motion, including briefs and memoranda of law . . . . . 7500 words
* A response to a motion, including briefs and memoranda of law. . . . . 7500 words
* All replies in support of a motion . . . . . 3000 words
* All surreplies in opposition to a motion . . . . . 3000 words
* Aggregate word limit for all motions, responses, replies, surreplies, briefs, and memoranda of law related to a single claim for relief. . . . 13,500 words

These word limits do not include tables of contents, indexes of authorities, signature blocks, attached evidence, or required certificates (*i.e.*, Certificate of Service, Certificate of Conference, Certificate of Compliance).

3) As to each motion, response, reply, surreply, brief, and memorandum of law, the filing party must provide a Certificate of Compliance following the signature block which must state the number of words the pleading contains and the aggregate number of words contained within it and the related pleadings that preceded it. The person signing the Certificate of Compliance may rely on the word count of the computer program used to prepare the document.

4) The aggregate word limit in support of a motion filed by a party may not exceed 13,500 words. Written leave of Court is required for any further briefing.

5) The aggregate word limit in opposition to a motion filed by a party may not exceed 13,500 words. Written leave of Court is required for any further briefing.

6) All briefs and memoranda of law must contain:
   * Statement of the Issues to be Ruled upon by the Court
   * Summary of the Argument
   * Conclusion

7) Any brief or memorandum with more than 10 pages of argument must also contain the following items:

* Table of Contents
  - Set forth the page number of each section, including all headings designated in the body of the brief or memorandum.
* Table of Authorities
  - A list of cases, statutes, rules, textbooks, and other authorities, arranged alphabetically by category with the page number of each authority cited.

8) Absent leave of Court, the Court will not consider motions, responses, replies, surreplies, briefs, and memoranda of law which are not compliant with this Standing Order.

Signed September 30, 2026

KRISTIN BAYS, PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE 284TH DISTRICT COURT