

## **Rule 22. Briefs.**

**(a) Time of Filing.** No party may file a brief until the record has been filed.

**(b) Supplemental Briefs.** The proposed order accompanying a motion seeking leave to file a supplemental brief shall include a date by which the supplemental brief will be filed if the motion is allowed. Supplemental briefs shall not exceed 20 pages or, alternatively, 6000 words in length unless authorized by court order.

**(c) Parties Not Filing a Brief.** Any party who has filed an appearance but will not submit a brief shall so notify the clerk by letter before the date on which the brief would be due, with proof of service to all parties of record. Unless the party is exempt from e-filing, the letter shall be filed electronically.

**(d) Adoption of Another Party's Brief.** A party wishing to adopt the brief of another party shall file a motion to adopt within 14 days of the filing of the brief being adopted. If the adopting party has already filed a brief, the length of the party's own brief and the adopted brief shall be aggregated and count toward the adopting party's length limits.

**(e) Paper Copies of Electronically Filed Briefs.** An electronically filed brief shall be considered the official original. Within five days of the electronic notification generated upon acceptance of an electronically filed brief, the filer shall file five duplicate paper copies of the brief and appendices bearing the court's electronic file stamp. These copies shall (1) be printed one-sided and securely bound on the left side in a manner that does not obstruct the text, (2) bear a color cover as required by Supreme Court Rule 341, and (3) be the printed version of the electronically filed document bearing the clerk's file stamp.

**(f) Briefs Filed by Parties Exempt from E-Filing.** A party exempt from e-filing shall file four duplicate paper copies of the brief and appendices in the manner set forth in subsection (e)(1) and (e)(2) of this rule.

**Rule 23. Adoption of Electronic Filing Manual.** All filings in this court shall comply with the "Electronic Filing Procedures and User Manual of the Supreme Court of Illinois," except that requirements in these rules regarding the number of paper copies of a document that must be submitted shall supersede those specified in that manual.

**Rule 24. General Provisions.** All prior administrative and procedural rules in effect in this court are repealed as of July 1, 2021. These rules are effective July 1, 2021, and shall govern all pending cases. If application of the new rules would not be feasible or would result in an injustice, the party affected may file a motion seeking to have the repealed rule apply. The court reserves the prerogative of departing from the procedures of this rule in an individual case, in its discretion and the interests of justice.