

**Rule 50. Response; reply.**

(a) **Response.** No petition for writ of certiorari will be granted absent a request by the court for a response, and no response will be received unless requested by the court.

(1) Time to file. Within 30 days after an order requesting a response, any other party may file a response.

(2) Form. The response must comply with the form of a brief as specified in Rule 27(a)-(c) and, as applicable, Rule 49.

~~(b)~~ (3) Page or word limitation. A response must be as short as possible, and no more than 4,000 words or ~~and may not exceed 2015~~ pages if a word count is not provided. These limits do not include, excluding the any table of contents, ~~the~~ table of authorities, or and any ~~the~~ appendix.

(4) Contents. The response ~~shall~~ must contain, in the order indicated:

(A) A table of contents with page references;

(B) A table of authorities with cases alphabetically arranged and with parallel citations, agency rules, court rules, statutes, and authorities cited, with references to the pages of the response ~~petition~~ where they are cited;

(C) A concise statement of jurisdiction that either agrees with the petitioner's statement or explains why petitioner's statement is incorrect;

~~Controlling provisions of constitutions, statutes, ordinances, and regulations set forth verbatim with the appropriate citation. If the controlling provisions involved are lengthy, their citation alone will suffice and their pertinent text shall be set forth in the appendix.~~

(D) A statement of the case that includes the facts and the procedural background relevant to the issues presented for review. ~~The statement shall first indicate briefly the nature of the case, the course of the proceedings, and its disposition in the lower courts. There shall follow a statement of the facts relevant to the issues~~

~~presented for review.~~ All statements of fact and references to the proceedings below ~~shall~~ must be supported by citations to the record on appeal or to the opinion of the Court of Appeals; and:

(E) With respect to each question presented, a direct and concise argument responding to the petitioner's asserted grounds ~~special and important reasons as provided in Rule 46~~ for the issuance of the writ.

~~An appendix containing any items listed in Rule 49(a)(10) that were not included in the petitioner's appendix.~~

(b) **Objections to jurisdiction.** The court will not accept a motion to dismiss a petition for a writ of certiorari. Objections to the Supreme Court's jurisdiction to grant the petition may be included in the response.

(d) **Reply.** A petitioner may file a reply addressed only to arguments first raised in the response.

(1) **Time to file.** A reply must be filed within ~~7~~seven days after the response is served, but distribution of the petition and response to the court ordinarily will not be delayed pending the filing of any such reply unless the response includes a new request for relief, such as an award of attorney fees for the response.

(2) **Form.** A reply must comply with the form of a brief as specified in Rule 27(a)-(c).

(3) **Page or word limitations.** The reply must be as short as possible, and no more than 1,500 or ~~may not exceed~~ five pages if a word count is not provided. These limits do not include any table of contents or table of authorities. ~~and must comply with Rule 27.~~

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