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Motion Practice; Length and Form of Briefs

(a) Any motion filed within a contested matter or an adversary proceeding (*e.g.*, motions filed pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 5011(b), 7012, 7037, and 7056) shall be accompanied by a separate supporting brief. Unless the court orders otherwise, the opposing party shall have thirty (30) days after service of the motion and initial brief within which to serve and file a response. The moving party shall have fourteen (14) days after service of any response within which to serve and file a reply. Time shall be computed as provided in Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006. Extensions of time shall only be upon order of the court, for good cause shown. The failure to respond or reply within the time required will be deemed a waiver of the opportunity to do so and may subject the motion to a ruling without further submissions.

(b) Except by permission of the court, no brief shall exceed twenty-five (25) pages in length (exclusive of any pages containing a table of contents, table of authorities, and appendices), and no reply brief shall exceed fifteen (15) pages. Permission to file briefs in excess of these page limitations will be granted only upon motion supported by extraordinary and compelling reasons.

Briefs exceeding twenty-five (25) pages in length (exclusive of any pages containing the table of contents, table of authorities, and appendices) shall contain (a) a table of contents with page references; (b) a statement of issues; and (c) a table of cases (alphabetically arranged), statutes and other authorities cited, with reference to the pages of the brief where they are cited.

(c) A party citing a decision, statute, or regulation that is not available on Westlaw or Lexis/Nexis shall furnish a copy to the court and other parties.

HISTORICAL AND REGULATORY NOTES

By Order Amending Local Bankruptcy Rules dated November 18, 2009, this rule was amended effective December 1, 2009, to conform with the time computation changes in the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

By Order Amending Local Rules dated April 30, 2001, this rule was revised to conform with current practices, effective June 4, 2001.