

RULE CHANGE 2008 (07)

CHAPTER 29

COLORADO RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

RULE 32.2. Death Penalty Post-Trial Procedures.

(c) Appellate Procedure.

(2) **Briefs.** Counsel for defendant shall file an opening brief no later than 180 days after the filing of the notice of appeal. The prosecution shall file an answer brief no later than 120 days after filing of the opening brief. Counsel for defendant may file a reply brief no later than 60 days after filing of the answer brief. Extensions of time will not be granted except on a showing of extraordinary circumstances that could not have been foreseen and prevented. The opening brief may not exceed 250 pages or, in the alternative, 79,250 words; the answer brief may not exceed 250 pages or, in the alternative, 79,250 words; and the reply brief may not exceed 100 pages or, in the alternative, 31,700 words. The Supreme Court may approve extensions not to exceed 75 pages or, in the alternative, 23,775 words for the opening and answer briefs, and 50 pages or 15,850 words for the reply brief ~~may be allowed~~ upon a showing of compelling need.

Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc April 3, 2008, effective immediately.

BY THE COURT:

**Alex J. Martinez
Justice, Colorado Supreme Court**