

**REVISIONS TO RULES OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
ADOPTED FEBRUARY 17, 2026
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The Clerk's Comments that accompany the revisions to the Rules are not part of the Rules. They are furnished solely to assist readers in understanding the revisions.

Rule 14. Content of a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari

1. A petition for a writ of certiorari shall contain, in the order indicated:

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(b)(i) A list of all parties to the proceeding in the court whose judgment is sought to be reviewed, along with their respective stock ticker symbols, if any (unless the caption of the case contains the names of all the parties);

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Comment:

These changes are designed to support the Court's electronic conflict-checking system. Adding a requirement that stock ticker symbols be submitted for businesses that have them will assist the system in identifying potential conflicts. And because the system will utilize data in the Parties to the Proceeding section of filings, it will be important that all parties be listed here, and not just in the case caption.

Rule 15. Briefs in Opposition; Reply Briefs; Supplemental Briefs

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2. A brief in opposition should be stated briefly and in plain terms and may not exceed the word or page limitations specified in Rule 33. In addition to presenting other arguments for denying the petition, the brief in opposition should address any perceived misstatement of fact or law in the petition that bears on what issues properly would be before the Court if certiorari were granted. Counsel are admonished that they have an obligation to the Court to point out in the

brief in opposition, and not later, any perceived misstatement made in the petition. Any objection to consideration of a question presented based on what occurred in the proceedings below, if the objection does not go to jurisdiction, may be deemed waived unless called to the Court's attention in the brief in opposition. A brief in opposition should identify any parties to the proceeding that were not identified in the petition under Rule 14.1(b)(i), along with their respective stock ticker symbols, if any, and any directly related cases that were not identified in the petition under Rule 14.1(b)(iii), including for each such case the information called for by Rule 14.1(b)(iii).

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9. Where a respondent files a waiver of the right to file a brief in opposition, the waiver should identify any parties to the proceeding that were not identified in the petition under Rule 14.1(b)(i), along with their respective stock ticker symbols, if any. Where a respondent is a nongovernmental corporation and it has a parent corporation or a publicly held company owns 10% or more of the corporation's stock, it is required that either a brief in opposition or a waiver be filed, and the brief in opposition or waiver must include the information required by Rule 29.6.

Comment:

These changes are designed to support the Court's electronic conflict-checking system by requiring a respondent to correct any deficiencies in the Parties to the Proceeding section of the petition, and by including information about corporate parents.

Rule 24. Briefs on the Merits: In General

1. A brief on the merits for a petitioner or an appellant shall comply in all respects with Rules 33.1 and 34 and shall contain in the order here indicated:

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(b) A list of all parties to the proceeding in the court whose judgment is under review, along with their respective stock ticker symbols, if any (unless the caption of the case in this Court contains the names of all parties). Any amended corporate disclosure statement as required by Rule 29.6 shall be placed here.

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2. A brief on the merits for a respondent or an appellee shall conform to the foregoing requirements, except that items required by subparagraphs 1(a), ~~(b)~~, (d), (e), (f), and (g) of this Rule need not be included unless the respondent or appellee is dissatisfied with their presentation by the opposing party.

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Comment:

These changes are designed to support the Court's electronic conflict-checking system. Adding a requirement that stock ticker symbols be submitted for businesses that have them will assist the system in identifying potential conflicts. And because the system will utilize data in the Parties to the Proceeding section of filings, it will be important that all parties be listed here, and not just in the case caption. The change to Rule 24.2 requires the respondent or appellee in a merits case to list the parties to the proceeding in the lower court even if there are no errors in the listing from the petitioner or appellant.

Rule 29. Filing and Service of Documents; Special Notifications; Corporate Listing

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2. A document is timely filed: (1) if it is received by the Clerk in paper form within the time specified for filing; or (2) if it is sent to the Clerk through the United States Postal Service by first-class mail (including express or priority mail), postage prepaid, and bears a postmark, other than a commercial postage meter label, showing that the document was mailed on or before the last day for filing; or (3) if it is delivered on or before the last day for filing to a third-party commercial carrier for delivery to the Clerk within three calendar days; or (4) if it is properly submitted to the Court's electronic filing system on or before the last day for filing. For a document submitted to the Court's electronic filing system, required paper copies of the filing must be delivered or mailed to the Clerk through one of the methods in subsections (1)-(3) above within three days of the electronic submission....

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6. Every document, except a joint appendix or *amicus curiae* brief, filed by or on behalf of a nongovernmental corporation shall contain a corporate disclosure statement identifying the parent corporations and listing any publicly held company that owns 10% or more of the corporation's stock, along with their respective stock ticker symbols, if any. If there is no parent

or publicly held company owning 10% or more of the corporation's stock, a notation to this effect shall be included in the document. If a statement has been included in a document filed earlier in the case, reference may be made to the earlier document (except when the earlier statement appeared in a document prepared under Rule 33.2), and only amendments to the statement to make it current need be included in the document being filed. In addition, whenever there is a material change in the identity of the parent corporation or publicly held companies that own 10% or more of the corporation's stock, counsel shall promptly inform the Clerk by letter and include, within that letter, any amendment needed to make the statement current.

Comment:

The change to Rule 29.2 is designed to avoid a situation where a filer incorrectly believes that submission of a document through the Court's electronic filing system constitutes a timely filing, thereby rendering the filing untimely and, in the case of a cert petition in a civil action, depriving the Court of jurisdiction to consider the petition.

The change to Rule 29.6 is designed to support the Court's electronic conflict-checking system. Adding a requirement that stock ticker symbols be submitted for businesses that have them will assist the system in identifying potential conflicts.

Rule 48. Effective Date of Rules

1. These Rules, adopted ~~December 5, 2022~~February 17, 2026, will be effective ~~January 1, 2023~~March 16, 2026.