

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, October 21, 2020

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

It is hereby ordered that the following Court Rules are amended:

VIII. ARGUMENT

- Rule 28.** Oral Argument.
 (a) Request and Time.
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XVII. MOTIONS AND RESPONSES

- Rule 41.** Preparation and Filing.
 (b) Form and Physical Preparation.

The complete paragraphs are attached with the added language in bold print and the deleted language in line-out format. These rules of the Court of Appeals of Georgia are adopted effective October 21, 2020, and will be applied to all cases decided by the Court of Appeals on or after that date.



Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

Clerk's Office, Atlanta, October 21, 2020

*I certify that the above is a true extract from
the minutes of the Court of Appeals of Georgia.*

*Witness my signature and the seal of said court
hereto affixed the day and year last above written.*

Stephen E. Castle

, Clerk.

VIII. ARGUMENT

Rule 28. Oral Argument.

(a) Request and Time.

(4) A request shall contain a brief statement describing ~~specifically with~~ **particularity** how the decisional process will be significantly aided by oral argument. **Conclusory assertions do not comply with this rule.** The request should be self-contained and should convey the specific reason or reasons oral argument would be beneficial to the Court. **These reasons may include, but are not limited to, that oral argument would simplify an unusually complex case or that the appeal presents an important question of first impression for the Court. The Court will also take into account a statement that the grant of oral argument would further the development of a newer attorney.** Counsel should not assume the brief or the record will be considered in ruling on the request for oral argument.

XVII. MOTIONS AND RESPONSES

Rule 41. Preparation and Filing.

(b) Form and Physical Preparation.

All motions and responses to motions shall be filed as separate documents, and not as joint, compound, or alternative motions. No motions or responses to motions shall be filed in the body of briefs, applications, or responses to applications. Motions and responses shall be prepared in accordance with Rule 24, Preparation of Briefs, and if efiled, limited to 4,200 words as certified by the filer. Paper filers are limited to 15 pages. Parties may cite to the record, but shall not attach any document to the motion or response. This prohibition does not apply to ~~Rule 40(b) motions that may contain attachments or motions to file supplemental briefs under Rule 27 (a), which may include as an exhibit a copy of the proposed supplemental brief. Failure to comply with this rule may result in nonconsideration of the motion or response.~~ **Rule 27 (a) motions to file supplemental briefs that may include as an exhibit a copy of the brief, Rule 40 (b) emergency motions that may contain attachments, or Rule 44 motions to recuse or disqualify that must include affidavits.**