

## **I.A.R. 36. Preparation of Briefs**

Idaho Appellate Rule 36. Preparation of Briefs.

All briefs shall be prepared in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) Cover of Brief. The cover of all briefs shall state the title of the Supreme Court, the title of the action designated on the certificate of appeal, whether it is appellant's or respondent's brief, the name of the district court or administrative agency appealed from, the name of the trial judge or chairman presiding at the trial or hearing, and the names and addresses of all counsel of record showing for whom they appear. The information on the cover shall be substantially in the following form:

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(b) Color and Material of Cover. The cover of appellant's brief shall be light blue, the cover of respondent's brief shall be white, the cover of appellant's reply brief shall be tan or light brown, the color of cross-appellant's reply brief shall be light yellow, and the cover of any amicus curiae or intervenor's brief shall be light green. The color of respondent's/cross-appellant's brief, shall be white. The color of appellant's reply/cross-respondent's brief, shall be tan or light brown. The cover page must be sufficiently light in color to distinctly show the print. The cover of an appellate brief shall be 65 pound cover stock or heavier material, or a vinyl cover of equal weight, and shall not have a plastic or acetate cover.

(c) Printing of Briefs. All briefs shall be printed on unruled and untreated white paper 11 inches long by 8 1/2 inches wide. The original brief filed with the court shall be typed with black ribbon or produced by a computer or word processor type printer of letter quality. The type shall be no smaller than 12 point Times New Roman. All lines must be double-spaced, except for quotations which may be indented and single spaced. There shall be a margin of 1 1/2 inches at the top and at the bottom of each page, and 1 inch at each side of each page. The pages shall be numbered at the bottom and may be printed on both the front and back of each page. The brief must be bound on the left with comb binding only, except as provided by Rule 35(h) or upon permission granted by the court. Prisoners incarcerated or detained in a state prison or county jail may file documents under this rule that are legibly hand-printed in black ink, in whole or in part, that otherwise conform to the requirements of this rule.

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