IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

April Term, A.D. 2018

In the Matter of Amendments to)
The Wyoming Rules of)
Appellate Procedure)

ORDER AMENDING RULES 7.03 AND 7.05 OF THE WYOMING RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

The Permanent Rules Advisory Committee, Appellate Division, (Committee) has recommended that the Court amend Rules 7.03 and 7.05 of the Wyoming Rules of Appellate Procedure. With respect to the amendments to the page length limits, this Court notes the Committee solicited comments from members of the Wyoming State Bar regarding the Committee's proposal. Following the comment period, the Committee revised its proposed amendments. The Court finds those proposed amendments should be adopted. It is, therefore,

ORDERED that the amendments to Rules 7.03 of the Wyoming Rules of Appellate Procedure, attached hereto, be and hereby are adopted by the Court to be effective December 1, 2018; and it is further

ORDERED that the amendments to Rules 7.05 of the Wyoming Rules of Appellate Procedure, attached hereto, be and hereby are adopted by the Court to be effective December 1, 2018. The amendments shall apply to appeals/cases docketed in the appellate court after that date and shall <u>not</u> apply to appeals/cases already pending in the appellate court on that date; and it is further

ORDERED that this order and the amendments be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter; the amendments be published in the Wyoming Court Rules Volume; and that this order and the amendments be published online at the Wyoming Judicial Branch's website, http://www.courts.state.wy.us. The amendments shall thereafter be recorded in the journal of this Court.

DATED this 25th day of September, 2018.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

MICHAEL K. DAVIS Chief Justice

Wyoming Rules of Appellate Procedure *****

Rule 7.03. Reply brief.

(a) Appellant may file a brief in reply which shall comply with the requirements of Rule 7.01 (a), (b), (c), (f)(g), (g)(h), (h)(i), and (i)(j). In lieu of any statement of the issues, the reply brief shall precisely and concisely set forth on the first page those new issues and arguments raised by the brief of the appellee which are addressed in the reply brief. A reply brief is limited to such new issues and arguments, and a failure to comply with these requirements may subject the party to sanctions under these rules including the reviewing court disregarding appellant's reply brief.

Rule 7.05. Length, format, binding and number of briefs.

(a) Length of Briefs.

(1) Except by permission of the appellate court, principal briefs shall not exceed $\frac{70\ 60}{18}$ pages, and reply briefs shall not exceed $\frac{20\ 18}{18}$ pages, exclusive of pages containing the title page, table of contents, table of authorities, certificate of service and appendices.
