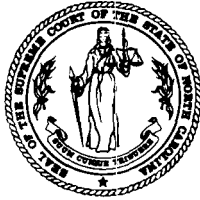


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be dismissed by the Court. In the event the petition is without merit, it shall be denied by the Court.

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Order Adopting Technical Changes to Appendixes Regarding Requirement for An Index and Content of Table of Authorities of the Rules of Appellate Procedure

Appendix B. Format and Style

Indexes is hereby amended to read as follows:

A brief or petition which is 10 pages or more in length long or complex or which treats multiple issues, and all Appendixes to briefs (Rule 28) and Records on Appeal (Rule 9) must contain an index to the contents.

Appendix E. Content of Briefs

Table of Cases and Authorities is hereby amended to read as follows:

This table should begin at the top margin of the page following the Index. Page references should be made to each citation of authority the first citation of the authority in each question to which it pertains.

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