

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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ABU-ALI ABDUR'RAHMAN ET AL. v. TONY PARKER ET AL.

**Chancery Court for Davidson County
No. 18-183-III**

No. M2018-01385-SC-RDO-CV

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION
TO EXCEED PAGE LIMITATION**

The appellants, twenty-seven (27) condemned death-row inmates, have, through counsel, filed a motion to exceed the fifty (50)-page limitation of Tennessee Rule of Appellate Procedure 27(i) for the argument section of their brief, proposing instead to file a one-hundred-seventy-four (174)-page argument. The State opposes the motion.

Counsel for appellants, several of whom were counsel for these same appellants in *West v. Schofield*, 519 S.W.3d 550 (Tenn. 2017), are reminded of this Court's Order issued in that case on May 11, 2016, in which we admonished counsel that, for future brief filings in this Court, counsel should "familiarize themselves with the provisions for the content of briefs contained in Tennessee Rule of Appellate Procedure 27(a)." *Stephen West et al. v. Derrick Schofield, et al.*, No. M2015-01952-SC-RDM-CV (Tenn. May 11, 2016) (Order). Furthermore, we note that despite the appellants' protestations that time precluded them from editing their brief to conform to the page limitation in Rule 27(i), four (4) other appellants represented by the Federal Defender Services of Eastern Tennessee managed to file a brief that conformed to the Rule.

Nevertheless, in the interests of justice given the accelerated time deadlines previously established by the Court, the motion to exceed the page limitation is GRANTED.

PER CURIAM