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APPROVED BRIEF BINDING METHODS

The Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure, as amended with an effective date of January 1, 1999, contain an amended Rule 132.01-FORM OF BRIEFS, APPENDICES AND SUPPLEMENTAL RECORDS. The rule notes: "Methods of binding which are not approved include stapling, continuous coil spiral binding, spiral comb bindings and similar bindings." As of this date, the following methods have been approved for the binding of briefs and appendices:

Velo-Bind or 3M Clincher Model 1000 Binding
GBC Therm-A-Bind
Unibind
Xerox Company "Cheshire" Perfect Binding
Standard Bindfast Binding System

This office will gladly review sample submissions of other brief-binding methods and will amend this list to add additional methods that securely affix the contents of briefs and appendices.

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