

1. Are there limits for written submissions in civil litigations in your jurisdiction in terms of the maximum length?

There are no such limits in the Serbian jurisdiction.

2. Are there time limits for filing written submissions?

There are two time limits for filing: 8 days before the hearing and 15 days before a hearing

3. Are there limits in terms of a maximum number of additional submissions in a case?

No such rules are prescribed.

4. Are there rules, including penalties or cost implications, for breaches of these requirements?

Yes, there are.

5. Are these limits or requirements effective in terms of reducing the number and length of written submission and the time spent preparing for and determining a case?

There are no such rules.

6. What is the effect of written submissions on any hearing which subsequently takes place?

It depends on what the submission holds (response to the opposite party's submission, proposal of new evidence, etc.), but they certainly affect hearings and the proceedings overall.

7. Comments or suggestions as to what could otherwise prove to be effective

Submissions can also be filed electronically, but this option is practically useless in many courts: judges don't have open access to the internet, which is operating in very limited capacities in many courts; judges are not skilled in using e-mail; computers and accompanying devices are very out of date; not all courts have an IT sector.