Conciseness doesn't just apply to cutting extra words. At a higher level, it means rethinking the message and saying it better.

Before

Severability of Provisions

If for any reason any covenant contained in this agreement, or the application thereof to any party or circumstances, is to any extent held or rendered invalid, unenforceable or illegal, then such convenant shall:

- (a) be deemed to be independent of the remainder of this agreement and be severable and divisible therefrom, and its invalidity, unenforceability and illegality shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this agreement or any part thereof:
- (b) continue to be applicable and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law, against any part and circumstance other than those to which it has been held or rendered invalid, unenforceable or illegal by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

116 words

After

If the Court rules any part of this agreement invalid, all other parts remain in effect.

16 words