

1 **Rule 25. Brief of an amicus curiae or guardian ad litem.**

2 A brief of an amicus curiae or of a guardian ad litem representing a minor who is not
3 a party to the appeal may be filed only by leave of court granted on motion or at the
4 request of the court. The motion for leave may be accompanied by a proposed amicus
5 brief, provided it complies with applicable rules and the number of copies specified by
6 Rule 26(b) are submitted to the court. A motion for leave shall identify the interest of the
7 ~~applicant~~movant and shall state the reasons why a brief of an amicus curiae or the
8 guardian ad litem is desirable. Except for a motion for leave to participate in support of,
9 or in opposition to, a petition for writ of certiorari filed pursuant to Rule 50(f),~~the~~ motion
10 for leave shall be filed at least ~~twenty-one~~21 days prior to the date on which the brief of
11 the party whose position as to affirmance or reversal the amicus curiae or guardian
12 ad litem will support is due, unless the court for cause shown otherwise orders. Parties
13 to the proceeding may indicate their support for, or opposition to, the motion. Any
14 response of a party to a motion for leave shall be filed within ~~seven~~7 days of service of
15 the motion. If leave is granted, an amicus curiae or guardian ad litem shall file its brief
16 within ~~seven~~7 days of the time allowed the party whose position the amicus curiae or
17 guardian ad litem will support, unless the order granting leave otherwise indicates. The
18 time for responsive briefs under Rule 26(a) shall run from the timely service of the
19 amicus or guardian ad litem brief or from the timely service of the brief of the party
20 whose position the amicus curiae or guardian ad litem supports, whichever is later. A
21 motion of an amicus curiae or guardian ad litem to participate in the oral argument will
22 be granted when circumstances warrant in the court's discretion.