

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 a party to the
3 appeal may be filed only by leave of court granted on motion or at the request of the court. The motion for
4 leave may be accompanied by a proposed ~~amicus~~ brief, provided it complies with applicable rules ~~and the~~
5 ~~number of copies specified by Rule 26(b) are submitted to the court.~~ A motion for leave ~~shall~~ must identify
6 the interest of the movant and ~~shall~~ state the reasons why ~~a~~ the ~~brief of an amicus curiae or the guardian~~
7 ~~ad litem~~ is desirable. Except for a motion for leave to participate in support of, or in opposition to, a
8 petition for writ of certiorari filed pursuant to Rule ~~50(f)~~ 50(e), the motion for leave ~~shall~~ must be filed at
9 least 21 days ~~prior to~~ before the date on which the brief of the party whose position ~~as to affirmance or~~
10 ~~reversal~~ the amicus curiae or guardian ad litem will support is due, unless the court for cause shown
11 otherwise orders. Parties to the proceeding may ~~indicate their support for, or opposition to,~~ file a response
12 to the motion. Any response ~~of a party~~ to a motion for leave ~~shall~~ must be filed within ~~7~~ 14 days of ~~service~~
13 filing of the motion. If leave is granted, an amicus curiae or guardian ad litem ~~shall~~ must file its brief within
14 7 days of the time allowed the party whose position the amicus curiae or guardian ad litem will support,
15 unless the order granting leave otherwise indicates. The time for responsive briefs under Rule 26(a) ~~shall~~
16 run from the timely ~~service-filing~~ of the amicus or guardian ad litem brief or from the timely ~~service-filing~~
17 of the brief of the party whose position the amicus curiae or guardian ad litem supports, whichever is
18 later. A motion of an amicus curiae or guardian ad litem to participate in the oral argument will be granted
19 when circumstances warrant in the court's discretion.

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