

1 **Rule 50. Brief in opposition; reply brief; brief of amicus curiae.**

2 **(a) Brief in opposition.** Within 30 days after ~~service-filing~~ of a petition the respondent ~~shall~~may file
3 an opposing brief, disclosing any matter or ground why the case should not be reviewed by the Supreme
4 Court. ~~Such~~The brief ~~shall~~must comply with Rules [27](#) and, as applicable, [Rule 49](#). ~~Seven copies of the~~
5 ~~brief in opposition, one of which shall contain an original signature, shall be filed with the Clerk of the~~
6 ~~Supreme Court.~~

7 **(b) Page limitation.** A brief in opposition ~~shall be as short as possible and may not, in any single~~
8 ~~case,~~ exceed 20 pages, excluding the subject index, the table of authorities, any verbatim quotations
9 required by Rule [49\(a\)\(7\)](#), and the appendix.

10 **(c) Objections to jurisdiction.** No motion by a respondent to dismiss a petition for a writ of certiorari
11 will be received. Objections to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to grant the writ of certiorari may be
12 included in the brief in opposition.

13 **(d) Distribution of filings.** ~~Upon the filing of a brief in opposition, the expiration of the time allowed~~
14 ~~therefor, or express waiver of the right to file, the petition and the brief in opposition, if any, will be~~
15 ~~distributed by the clerk for consideration. However, if a cross-petition for a writ of certiorari has been filed,~~
16 ~~distribution of both it and the petition for a writ certiorari will be delayed until the filing of a brief in~~
17 ~~opposition by the cross-respondent, the expiration of the time allowed therefor, or express waiver of the~~
18 ~~right to file.~~

19 **(e)-(d) Reply brief.** ~~A~~Within 7 days after filing of a brief in opposition, the petitioner may file a reply
20 brief addressed to arguments first raised in the brief in opposition ~~may be filed by any petitioner,~~ but
21 ~~distribution under paragraph (d) of this rule will not be delayed pending the filing of any such~~ the court
22 may act on the petition without awaiting a reply brief. ~~Such~~The reply brief must comply with Rule 27 and
23 brief shall be as short as possible, but may not exceed five5 pages. ~~Such brief shall comply with Rule 27.~~
24 ~~The number of copies to be filed shall be as described in Rule 50(a).~~

25 **(f)-(e) Brief of amicus curiae.** A brief of an amicus curiae concerning a petition for certiorari may be
26 filed only by leave of the Supreme Court granted on motion or at the request of the Supreme Court. The
27 motion for leave ~~shall~~must be accompanied by a proposed amicus brief, not to exceed 20 pages,
28 excluding the subject index, the table of authorities, any verbatim quotations required by Rule [49\(a\)\(7\)](#),
29 and the appendix. The proposed amicus brief ~~shall~~must comply with Rule [27](#), and, as applicable, Rule
30 [49](#). ~~The number of copies of the proposed amicus brief submitted to the Supreme Court shall be the~~
31 ~~same as dictated by Rule 48(f).~~A motion for leave shallmust identify the interest of the applicant and
32 ~~shall~~state the reasons why a brief of an amicus curiae is desirable. The motion for leave ~~shall~~must be
33 filed on or before the date of the filing of the timely petition or response of the party whose position the
34 amicus curiae will support, unless the Supreme Court for cause shown otherwise orders. Parties to the
35 proceeding in the Court of Appeals may indicate their support for, or opposition to, the motion. Any
36 response of a party to a motion for leave ~~shall~~must be filed within ~~seven~~14 days of ~~service-filing~~ of the
37 motion. If leave is granted, the proposed amicus brief will be accepted as filed and, unless the order

38 granting leave otherwise indicates, amicus curiae also will be permitted to submit a brief on the merits,
39 provided it is submitted in compliance with the briefing schedule of the party the amicus curiae supports.
40 Denial of a motion for leave to file brief of an amicus curiae concerning a petition for certiorari ~~shall~~does
41 not preclude a subsequent amicus motion relating to the merits after a grant of certiorari. All motions for
42 leave to file brief of an amicus curiae on the merits after a grant of certiorari are governed by Rule [25](#).
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