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_____ List of all parties (current and former)

_____ Table of Contents with page references

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_____ Introduction

_____ Statement of Issues with standard of appellate review (Not required for Amicus Curiae)

___ 1. Citation to record showing issue preserved in Trial court; **or**

___ 2. Statement of grounds for seeking review of issue not preserved in Trial Court

_____ Statement of Case with citation to the record (Not required for Amicus Curiae)

1. Facts of the case, to the extent necessary to understand issues presented for review

2. Procedural history of the case, to the extent necessary to understand issues presented for review

3. Disposition in court or agency whose judgment or order is under review

_____ Summary of Argument (Not required for Amicus Curiae)

_____ Argument

_____ Conclusion

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