



Submitting Requests for an Amicus Brief to Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO)

Materials to be Included in a Request for Amicus Support

Requests by a party in a case must include the following:

- A short paper (no more than three (3) pages) describing the underlying position of the litigants,
- Copies of relevant pleadings, motions, decisions, or other papers to reflect the nature of the controversy,
- The name and email addresses of lead counsel of all parties involved in the litigation, and
- The names of other organizations from which amicus support has also been requested.

THE PARTY REQUESTING AMICUS SUPPORT SHALL SEND A COPY OF THE REQUEST TO LEAD COUNSEL OF ALL OTHER PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE LITIGATION AND INFORM THEM THAT THEY ARE FREE TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS TO IPO WITHIN THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS OF THE ORIGINAL REQUEST.

Requests by an IPO committee must include the following:

- A short paper (no more than three (3) pages) describing the underlying position of the litigants, the reasons for which the Committee believes IPO should participate as amicus and the position the Committee recommends IPO take in the case,
- Copies of relevant pleadings, motions, decisions, or other papers to reflect the nature of the controversy,
- The name and email addresses of lead counsel of all parties involved in the litigation, and
- If the case is not in an American court, the request should include the name of the relevant court and due dates for amicus briefs.

Submitting Requests:

Please note that the committee needs at least 30 days to review the request and draft and print a brief. Requests submitted within that 30-day period will have a significantly decreased chance of being fulfilled.

Requests are to be submitted via email to the Chair of the Amicus Brief Committee, Kevin Rhodes, in care of Hannah Denny at hdenny@ipo.org. For more information on procedures, contact Ms. Denny at (202) 507-4498. Also, for more information see the Amicus Brief Committee Procedures at www.ipo.org/Amicus.

Review and Notification

The Amicus Brief Committee will review completed requests. All requests will be acknowledged when received. If the committee favors the request it will be submitted to the IPO Board of Directors for a vote. The requester and opposing counsel will be notified of the action taken on the request.