

RULES OF SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA  
PART FIVE  
THE SUPREME COURT  
G. PROCEDURE FOLLOWING PERFECTION OF APPEAL

**Rule 5:30. Briefs Amicus Curiae.**

(a) *Stage of ~~appellate~~ proceedings.* Subject to the requirements outlined in this Rule, a brief amicus curiae may be filed during the petition, perfected appeal or rehearing stages of the appellate proceedings in this Court, and in proceedings invoking this Court's original jurisdiction.

(b) *Who May File a Brief Amicus Curiae Without Leave of Court.*

(1) The United States or the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

(2) Any other person whose filing is accompanied by the written consent of all counsel; and

(3) Any person requested by the Court to file a brief amicus curiae pursuant to paragraph (f) of this Rule.

(c) *Who Needs Leave of Court to File a Brief Amicus Curiae.* Any person or entity other than those described in paragraph (b) of this Rule.

(d) *When a Brief Amicus Curiae Must Be Filed.* A brief amicus curiae will be accepted only if filed on or before the date on which the brief of the party supported is required to be filed. A brief amicus curiae may be filed at the time of filing of the reply brief of the appellant only if an opening brief amicus curiae has been filed.

(e) *What a Brief Amicus Curiae Must Contain.* A brief amicus curiae shall comply with the rules applicable to the brief of the party supported.

(f) *This Court's Authority to Request a Brief Amicus Curiae.* Notwithstanding the provisions of this Rule, this Court may request that a brief amicus curiae be filed at any time.

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