

## Guidelines for the NLG Labor & Employment *Amicus Curiae* Briefs

The Labor & Employment of the National Lawyers Guild may file *amicus curiae* briefs in appropriate cases. The Steering Committee shall approve requests for *amicus curiae* briefs by members of the Committee or by others outside the Committee.

All requests for *amicus* briefs shall be submitted to the co-chairs of the Labor & Employment Committee.

The Labor & Employment Committee shall submit *amicus* briefs when doing so would contribute to the judiciary's and/or the public's understanding of an issue that is important to the Labor & Employment Committee, its members, or constituencies. An *amicus* brief is an opportunity to go beyond the confines of what a party to a case may argue, to explore the larger historic or political context or to make an argument regarding what should be the judiciary's approach to an evolving issue.

### Guidelines

The following questions, among others, shall guide the Steering Committee's decision regarding a request for an *amicus* brief:

- Is the case itself important or does it raise issues important to organized labor, unions, or workers and is it consistent with positions the Labor & Employment Committee supports?
- Can the Labor & Employment Committee contribute meaningfully to the understanding of the issues in this case?
- Does anyone have the time and is that person willing to draft the *amicus* brief or draft the statement of interest and review an *amicus* brief that someone else is drafting or has drafted?

### Process

If the Steering Committee approves submission of an *amicus* brief, when the *amicus* is submitted to the Committee member for review, a copy shall be forwarded to the NLG *Amicus* Committee for their records. The NLG *Amicus* Committee strongly encourages cooperation with it regarding briefs submitted by other NLG committees or projects, and early communication may allow the national organization to join in the *amicus*. In any event, it serves consistency and institutional memory when the NLG *Amicus* Committee is made aware of *amicus* briefs submitted by another NLG entity. Zachary Wolfe chairs the NLG *Amicus* Committee and may be reached at [zwolfe@plrclaw.org](mailto:zwolfe@plrclaw.org).

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