

**GUIDELINES FOR REQUESTING APPEARANCE OF THE CHILDREN'S LAW SECTION  
OF THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN AS AMICUS CURIAE**

1. Requests from litigants should be directed to the Amicus Committee, and may be submitted to any Council member.
2. The amicus request must clearly indicate whether leave to appeal has been requested and/or granted. If leave has been requested but not yet granted, the requesting attorney must indicate whether an amicus is requested to support granting leave, or on the substantive issues. Absent exceptional circumstances, no amicus request will be considered until the Court has granted leave to appeal.
3. Amicus requests must be in writing. If submitted by mail, the request should accompany four copies of the following:
  - a. A concise memorandum setting out the legal issue(s) addressed by the appeal;
  - b. Any available briefs previously submitted by the parties and opinions in the case, along with the order granting leave and list of relevant deadlines in the case.
  - c. A brief statement explaining why the Children's Law Council should grant the request. The statement should reflect the impact the case could have on Michigan's children and/or those who practice in the area of children's law. The statement should also address the potential expenditure of Council time and resources.
  - e. For requests prior to the Court granting leave, a statement of exceptional circumstances requiring involvement.
  - f. A proof of service indicating that all materials submitted to the Amicus Committee haven been concurrently served on all other counsel in the matter.
4. The requesting party may be required to meet with the Amicus Committee to discuss Children's Law Council involvement. In this event, the Amicus Committee shall notify the opposing attorney of the date, time and location of the meeting and invite them to be present and participate in the meeting. A meeting of the Amicus Committee will be convened for this purpose at which the requesting party should be prepared to discuss the importance of the issues presented and how Council support will benefit the party, the ben and the bar.
5. The requesting party shall furnish any additional material or information required by the Amicus Committee.

**CASE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR REQUESTS FOR APPEARANCE OF THE  
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In passing on a request for appearance as Amicus Curiae, the Amicus Committee of the Children's Law Section shall consider the following criteria:

1. Whether the legal issue involved is of substantial interest to the children's law bar.
2. Whether the legal issue involves a conflict in case law, or a case of first impression.
3. Whether the legal issue affects fundamental rights of individuals or a constitutional question.
4. Whether the case presents an opportunity to reverse prior law or legislation adversely impacting the children's law bar.
5. Whether the briefing in the case adequately represent the issues presented.
6. Whether the record presented is sufficient to warrant support.
7. Whether there is sufficient time to properly prepare briefing.
8. Whether the Court has requested submission of the briefs.