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Comments on Proposed Rule Amendments re: Merits Briefing

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Dear Ms. Baker,

The New Jersey Association for Justice (NJAJ) has a long history of providing amicus support before the Court and takes no position on the proposal regarding merits briefs. Our comments are limited to the impact on amicus participants.

As an organization that is procedurally required to first identify matters we believe warrant amicus support, then secure an appropriate volunteer brief writer, and finally obtain Board or Executive Committee approval before any work can begin, NJAJ has concerns about reducing the time for submitting a brief joining in Petitioner's position from 75 days to 50.

It is not uncommon for us to need every single day in the 75-day window currently provided to identify a qualified individual to prepare and file a competent amicus brief. Reducing the time to 50 days would make the process significantly more difficult, as those 25 days are often the crucial period for identifying the appropriate firm or attorney to handle the briefing. Because NJAJ's members who work on these matters do so without compensation, this change would make it even harder to find a quality writer able to produce the level of work required at the Supreme Court level within 50 days.

Additionally, amicus parties must first obtain the underlying case materials, which are not immediately available to the public and can take several days to secure.

For these reasons, NJAJ respectfully requests that the deadline for submitting an amicus brief remains at 75 days as currently set forth in the Rule.

NJAJ thanks the Court for its attention and consideration of this position.

Sincerely,

Jonathan H. Lomurro, Esq
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Protecting People's Rights.