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Respondent.

Marshal S. Willick, Esq., pursuant to NRAP 29(c), hereby moves this Court for permission to file an Amicus Curiae Brief.

Leave to file an amicus brief outside of the time specified in NRAP 29(f) is requested. I am entirely neutral as to the merits of the dispute between the parties to the case, but am concerned about the impact on the practice of family law in Nevada of the potential resolutions to this case.

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1 I am the author of the jurisdictional materials¹ used to educate judges who sit
2 in the family division.² From a review of the briefs and the oral argument of the
3 matter on February 10, 2016, I believe that this input might be of assistance to the
4 Court in forming policy in this area, and in avoiding confusion in the law.

5 Preliminarily, it appears that there was some confusion as to the application of
6 the UCCJEA in this matter. Specifically, how a “state” was defined in the codified
7 statute, how the UCCJEA applies internationally, and whether any of the facts of this
8 case should allow for a deviation from the uniform application of the UCCJEA here
9 or in any other state.

10 The relevance is to the extent – and economy – of family law litigation and
11 Nevada’s uniform treatment of parties in similar circumstances. If the Court decides
12 this case based on the materials filed by the parties, it may miss the relevant case law
13 and comments associated with the adoption of the uniform act as NRS ch. 125A.

14 Because this appeal inherently has such broad implications for the substance
15 and economy of family law practice throughout Nevada, I request leave to file an
16 Amicus Brief on the various policy and practical issues presented by the Court’s
17 resolution of this appeal.

18 DATED this 17th day of February, 2016.

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26 ¹ See Willick, *The Basics of Family Law Jurisdiction*, 22 Nev. Fam. L. Rep.,
27 Fall, 2009, at 11, updated (and part of the Clark County Family Court Benchbook),
28 posted at <http://willicklawgroup.com/published-works/>.

² See *Landreth v. Malik*, 127 Nev. ___, 251 P.3d 163 (2011); NRS 3.028(1)-(2).

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