

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

HOWARD SHAPIRO; AND JENNA SHAPIRO,

Appellant/Cross-Respondents,

vs.

GLEN WELT; RHODA WELT; LYNN WELT; AND MICHELLE WELT,

Respondent/Cross-Appellants.

GLEN WELT; RHODA WELT; LYNN WELT; AND MICHELLE WELT,

Appellants,

vs.

HOWARD SHAPIRO; AND JENNA SHAPIRO,

Respondents.

No. 67363

No. 67596

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ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS

This is an appeal from an order granting a motion to dismiss pursuant to NRS 41.637. The Nevada Press Association, Tripadvisor, Inc. and Yelp, Inc. have filed a motion for leave to file an amicus brief in support of the constitutionality of the statute. Proposed amici inform this court that all parties have consented to their participation.

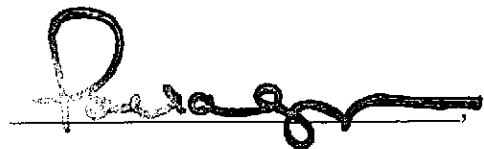
Proposed amici propose to address the constitutionality of Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute and its significance to the protection of First Amendment rights in the broader marketplace. Participation by amicus curiae is appropriate when a party is not represented competently, when the amicus has an interest in some other case that may be affected by the present case, or when the amicus has unique information or perspective that can aid the court beyond the assistance that the parties' lawyers are able to provide. See NRAP 29; *Ryan v. Commodity Futures Trading*

Comm'n, 125 F.3d 1062, 1063 (7th Cir. 1997). We conclude that proposed amici have satisfied this standard. Accordingly, we grant the motion for leave to participate as amici curiae, and we direct the clerk of this court to file amici's brief, provisionally received on December 14, 2015.¹

Cause appearing we grant respondents/cross-appellants' motion for leave to file a supplemental answering brief in Docket No. 67363. The clerk of this court shall file the supplemental answering brief received on December 7, 2015.

The parties have also filed a stipulation to extend the time to file briefs. Having considered the stipulation, we approve it as follows: appellants/cross-respondents shall have 20 days from the date of this order to file and serve a single combined reply brief in Docket No. 67363 and answering brief in Docket No. 67596. Appellants in Docket No. 67596 shall have 30 days from the date of service of the answering brief to file and serve a reply brief in Docket No. 67596, if deemed necessary.

It is so ORDERED.

 C.J.

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¹We deny amici's request for leave to participate in oral argument without prejudice to our right to order participation if oral argument is scheduled.