

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ERICH M. MARTIN,
Appellant,
vs.
RAINA L. MARTIN,
Respondent.

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No. 81810

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ORDER

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyer (AAML) - National has filed a motion for leave to file an amicus brief “in support of reversal of the Court of Appeals decision.” NRAP 29(c). AAML asserts that it is a national organization of matrimonial attorneys founded to support the study, practice, and standards of matrimonial law, and seeks to participate in this matter because the issues before the court deal with the interpretation of national law. It asserts that due to its participation in national law related to military divorces and the USFSPA, its participation will be a benefit in this matter, as it can offer a unique perspective as to the application of United States Supreme Court Law, as well as majority and minority state trends. No opposition has been filed.

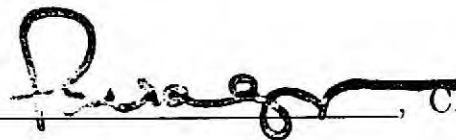
Participation by an amicus curiae is appropriate when the amicus curiae has unique information or perspective that can help the court beyond the help the lawyers for the parties are able to provide, or when the amicus curiae has an interest in some other case that may be affected by the present case. *See Ryan v. Commodity Futures Trading Comm’n*, 125

F.3d 1062, 1063 (7th Cir. 1997). Amicus curiae briefs that simply duplicate arguments made in litigants' briefs or effectively merely extend the length of a party's brief, should not be allowed. *See United States v. Michigan*, 940 F.2d 143, 164-65 (6th Cir.1991). It appears that AAML's proposed amicus brief will provide a unique perspective of the United States Supreme Court Law regarding military divorces and the USFSPA, as well as state trends. Accordingly, the motion for leave to file an amicus brief is granted. *See* NRAP 29(a). The amicus brief was filed on May 2, 2022.

Proposed amicus curiae the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Nevada has filed a joinder to the AAML's amicus brief. Cause appearing, the joinder is approved.

Trinity Advocates has filed a second motion for an extension of time, until May 9, 2022, to file its amicus brief. To date, Trinity Advocates has not submitted a proposed amicus brief for filing. Accordingly, the motion is denied.

It is so ORDERED.


_____, C.J.

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