



**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
SITTING AS THE LAW COURT**

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO FILE AMICUS BRIEFS

**Law Court invites amicus briefs on
whether the statute governing appealable orders
in child protection proceedings precludes
appellate review from an order on a motion
for relief from judgment pursuant to M.R. Civ. P. 60(b)**

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court, sitting as the Law Court, invites briefs of amici curiae on an issue presented in the appeal of *In re Alexandria C.*, Law Court docket number Som-16-219. After the District Court terminated her parental rights, the mother filed a motion for relief pursuant to M.R. Civ. P. 60(b), arguing that her counsel at the termination hearing was ineffective. The court denied the motion. The mother appeals from the order denying her motion for relief from judgment.

The Law Court invites amicus briefs on the following issue:

Whether 22 M.R.S. § 4006 precludes appellate review from an order on a motion pursuant to M.R. Civ. P. 60(b) for relief from a judgment that is appealable pursuant to section 4006.

An amicus brief may be filed by or on behalf of any individual, entity,

or group of individuals and/or entities without separate leave of the Court. Any amicus brief must be filed on or before **August 11, 2016**. An amicus brief must be filed at the address listed below, and must comply with M.R. App. P. 7(c), 9(e)(1), and 9(f). Upon request, the Clerk of the Law Court will provide the names and addresses of counsel for the parties to any attorney representing an amicus. In addition to filing and serving the required number of copies, any amicus must send a copy of the brief electronically, as a single “native” or text-based .pdf file, to lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov.

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