



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

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO FILE AMICUS BRIEFS

**Law Court invites amicus briefs on
District Court's authority to order
in a divorce matter that the parties' child
have contact with a third person**

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court, sitting as the Law Court, invites briefs of amici curiae on an issue presented in the appeal of *James-Robert G. Curtis v. Florania Da Silva Medeiros*, Law Court docket number Pen-15-618. The District Court, citing 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(2)(B), ordered on Curtis's request and over Medeiros's objection that Curtis's parents, who were not parties to the divorce proceeding, "shall have contact with" the parties' child at certain times. Medeiros argues on appeal that the order impermissibly interferes with her fundamental rights as a parent.

The Law Court invites amicus briefs on the issues raised by the parties' briefs relating to the order for third-party contact. The relevant portions of the parties' briefs are available on the Court's website at www.courts.maine.gov/quick/medeiros.

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 **September 2, 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). 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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