

AMICUS ANNOUNCEMENT

THE SUPREME COURT IS SOLICITING AMICUS BRIEFS OR MEMORANDA IN THE FOLLOWING MATTER PENDING BEFORE THE COURT:

Case No. 2011-0647, In re C.M.; In re A.M.

The court is soliciting amicus briefs or memoranda from interested persons on the following issue arising from 2011 amendments to RSA 169-C:10, II(a) (see Laws 2011, 224:77):

Does the Due Process Clause of the New Hampshire Constitution (Part 1, Articles 2 and 15) or the Fourteenth Amendment of the Federal Constitution require the appointment of counsel for an indigent parent from whom the State seeks to take custody of a minor child based on allegations of neglect or abuse?

Amicus submissions answering the question in the affirmative are due on or before November 28, 2011. Amicus submissions answering the question in the negative are due on or before January 12, 2012.

Interested persons may file their briefs or memoranda in the Office of the Clerk, New Hampshire Supreme Court, One Charles Doe Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301. Persons filing amicus briefs are expected to comply with the requirements of Rules 16 and 17 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire. To assist the court, amicus briefs should focus on the ramifications of a decision and not solely on the interests of the parties filing such briefs.

Persons filing amicus briefs shall send copies to counsel for the parties: Jeanne P. Herrick, counsel for Division of Children, Youth And Families; Michael C. Shklar, counsel for the mother; Barbara L. Parker, counsel for father; and Ann F. Larney, counsel for guardian ad litem, CASA of New Hampshire.

**Eileen Fox,
Clerk**