

AMICUS ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Case No. 2012-0624, David Montenegro v. New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles

The petitioner in this case applied for a vanity license plate from the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) that would have read, "COPSLIE." The DMV denied the request pursuant to a regulation prohibiting any vanity license plate that "a reasonable person would find offensive to good taste," reasoning that the request advanced an "accusation of moral turpitude." Instead, the DMV issued the petitioner plates bearing his alternative choice of "GR8GOVT." The trial court upheld the DMV's action over the petitioner's challenge to the "offensive to good taste" standard as unconstitutionally vague and overbroad, and argument that the DMV's decision constituted unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination.

The court is soliciting amicus briefs or memoranda from interested persons on the following issue: In denying the petitioner's requested vanity license plate on the basis that a reasonable person would find it offensive to good taste, did the DMV violate his rights under Part I, Article 22 of the New Hampshire Constitution or the First Amendment to the United States Constitution?

A copy of the trial court's order is being [posted with this announcement](#). Amicus submissions are due on or before June 24, 2013. 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.

Interested persons shall file an original and ten copies of their briefs or memoranda in the Office of the Clerk, New Hampshire Supreme Court, One Charles Doe Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301. The court will provide a copy of any amicus brief or memorandum to each of the parties.

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