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Appellate Procedure: Amicus Curiae Briefs in Writ Proceedings (Action Required)

Summary

The Appellate Advisory Committee recommends amending the California Rule of Court governing writ proceedings to include a new procedure for submission of applications to file amicus curiae briefs in those writ proceedings in which an alternative writ or order to show cause is issued. This change, which is based on a suggestion received from an attorney, is intended to provide potential amicus curiae with guidance regarding applications to file amicus briefs in these writ proceedings, which may reduce questions about how to do this and also ensure that the court has the information it needs to consider such applications.

Recommendation

The Appellate Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2017, amend rule 8.487 to add a new procedure for submission of applications to file amicus curiae briefs in those writ proceedings in which an alternative writ or order to show cause is issued.