



# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

April 16, 2026

## ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 29(c) and (d), Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure, be amended to read in accordance with Appendix A to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Committee Comment to the Amendment of Rule 29(c) and (d) Effective June 1, 2026, be adopted to read in accordance with Appendix B to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court Comment to Rule 34, Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure, Effective June 1, 2026, be adopted to read in accordance with Appendix C to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment of Rule 29(c) and (d), the adoption of the Committee Comment thereto, and the adoption of the Court Comment to Rule 34 are effective June 1, 2026; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following note from the reporter of decisions be added to follow Rule 29 and Rule 34:

**"Note from the reporter of decisions:** The order amending Rule 29(c) and (d), Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure, adopting the Committee Comment thereto, and adopting the Court Comment to Rule 34, Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure, effective June 1, 2026, is published in that volume of *Alabama Reporter* that contains Alabama cases from \_\_ So. 3d."



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Stewart, C.J., and Shaw, Wise, Bryan, Sellers, Mendheim,  
Cook, McCool, and Parker, JJ., concur.

Witness my hand and seal this 16th day of April, 2026.

*Megan B. Rhodelsek*

Clerk of Court,  
Supreme Court of Alabama

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**April 16, 2026**  
**Clerk of Court**  
**Supreme Court of Alabama**



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## APPENDIX A

### **Rule 29(c) and (d), Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure**

**(c) Contents, Form, and Length.** An amicus brief shall conform to the provisions of Rule 28(b). The length of the amicus brief shall be limited to one-half the length allowed for the principal brief of the party whose position the amicus brief will support, unless a motion for enlargement pursuant to Rule 28(j)(3) is approved by the court.

**(d) Time for Filing.** Unless otherwise allowed by the court, the brief of an amicus curiae shall be filed within the time allowed the party whose position the amicus brief will support.



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## APPENDIX B

### **Committee Comment to the Amendment of Rule 29(c) and (d) Effective June 1, 2026**

Rule 29(c) has been amended to provide that the format of a brief of an amicus curiae must conform to Rule 28(b), thus allowing an amicus brief to omit the statements of jurisdiction, the case, the issues, the facts, and the standard of review. Rule 29(c) has been further amended to provide that the length of the amicus brief shall be limited to being no longer than one-half the length of the principal brief of the party whose position the amicus brief will support, unless the court enlarges the length in response to a motion. Rule 29(d) has been amended to delete the phrase "on the appeal."



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## APPENDIX C

### **Court Comment to Rule 34 Effective June 1, 2026**

Whether an amicus curiae may participate in oral argument is addressed by Rule 29(f), Ala. R. App. P.