



*These are the times in the court process that amicus briefs can be filed.

An amicus brief or “friend of the court” brief is filed by someone not party to a lawsuit to offer additional information regarding that case. The court may or may not accept the brief.

For advocates, this is an avenue where they may have a voice in the legal process. For example, in the *Northern District of Florida v. Sebelius* case, an amicus brief was jointly submitted by several non-profit consumer groups in support of the individual mandate.