

the purported *amicus* has “a special interest that justifies his having a say, or unless the court feels that existing counsel may need supplementing assistance.” *See id.* The Court has discretion to consider *amicus* briefing where the proffered information is timely and useful or otherwise necessary to the administration of justice. *United States ex rel. Long v. GSD & M Idea City LLC*, No. 3:11-CV-1154-O, 2014 WL 11321670, at *4 (N.D. Tex. Aug. 8, 2014). In this case, both sides are represented by sophisticated counsel, and the Court has granted generous page allocations for briefing.

The Court determines that Financial Planning Coalition’s (“Coalition”) Motion should be granted because its proposed brief provides a unique perspective. The Coalition is the lone *amicus* representative of financial professionals in the United States already operating under a fiduciary standard, and is therefore able to provide a practical perspective different from that of the parties. Further, Coalition’s brief does not repeat arguments made by either party.


The Court also determines that American Association for Justice’s (“AAJ”) Motion should be granted, because AAJ’s brief focuses on a narrow legal issue related to the Federal Arbitration Act and does not repeat arguments made by other parties.

The Court therefore **GRANTS** the Coalition’s and AAJ’s Motions For Leave To File *Amicus Curiae* Briefs. [Docket Entries 77 and 92]. Accordingly, the Clerk is directed to file the Coalition’s and AAJ’s *Amicus Curiae* briefs attached to their Motions on the docket in this case. All other Motions for Leave to File *Amicus Curiae* Briefs are **DENIED**. [Docket Entries 79, 82, 83, 84, 89, 93].

No separate written response may be filed in response to any *Amicus Curiae* brief. Further, no *amici* will be able to present oral argument at the hearing set for November 17, 2016.

So ORDERED.

August 31, 2016.



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CHIEF JUDGE