

1 **Rule 50. Response; reply;**~~brief of amicus curiae.~~

2 (a) **Response.** Within 30 days after ~~service of~~ a petition for a writ of certiorari is served,  
3 any other party may file a response ~~to the petition~~. If the satisfaction of a petitioner's  
4 ~~obligation to~~ pay at the required filing fee or ~~to obtain~~ a waiver of that fee ~~is~~  
5 ~~accomplished~~ after service, then the time for response ~~shall~~ will run from the date that  
6 obligation is satisfied~~of satisfaction of that obligation~~. The response ~~shall~~ must comply  
7 with Rule 27 and, as applicable, Rule 49. ~~Seven copies of the response, one of which~~  
8 ~~shall contain an original signature, shall be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme~~  
9 ~~Court.~~ A party opposing a petition may so indicate by letter in lieu of a formal  
10 response, but the letter ~~shall~~ may not include any argument or analysis.

11 (b) **Page limitation.** A response ~~shall~~ must be as short as possible and may not, ~~in any~~  
12 ~~single case,~~ exceed 20 pages, excluding the table of contents ~~subject index~~, the table of  
13 authorities, and the appendix.

14 (c) **Objections to jurisdiction.** The court will not accept a ~~No~~ motion ~~by a respondent~~ to  
15 dismiss a petition for a writ of certiorari ~~will be received~~. Objections to the Supreme  
16 Court's jurisdiction ~~of the Supreme Court~~ to grant the petition may be included in the  
17 response.

18 (d) **Reply.** A petitioner may file a reply addressed to arguments first raised in the  
19 response ~~may be filed by any petitioner~~ within ~~fourteen~~ 7 days after ~~service of~~ the  
20 response is served, but distribution of the petition and response to the court ordinarily  
21 will not be delayed pending the filing of any such reply unless the response includes a  
22 new request for relief, such as an award of attorney fees for the response. The reply  
23 ~~shall~~ must be as short as possible, ~~but~~ may not exceed five pages, and ~~shall~~ must  
24 comply with Rule 27. ~~The number of copies to be filed shall be as described in Rule~~  
25 ~~50(a).~~

26 ~~(e) Brief of amicus curiae.~~ A brief of an amicus curiae concerning a petition for  
27 ~~certiorari may be filed only by leave of the Supreme Court granted on motion or at the~~

28 ~~request of the Supreme Court. The motion for leave shall be accompanied by a~~  
29 ~~proposed amicus brief, not to exceed 20 pages, excluding the subject index, the table of~~  
30 ~~authorities, any verbatim quotations required by Rule 49(a)(7), and the appendix. The~~  
31 ~~proposed amicus brief shall comply with Rule 27, and, as applicable, Rule 49. The~~  
32 ~~number of copies of the proposed amicus brief submitted to the Supreme Court shall be~~  
33 ~~the same as dictated by Rule 48(f). A motion for leave shall identify the interest of the~~  
34 ~~applicant and shall state the reasons why a brief of an amicus curiae is desirable. The~~  
35 ~~motion for leave shall be filed on or before the date of the filing of the timely petition or~~  
36 ~~response of the party whose position the amicus curiae will support, unless the~~  
37 ~~Supreme Court for cause shown otherwise orders. Parties to the proceeding in the~~  
38 ~~Court of Appeals may indicate their support for, or opposition to, the motion. Any~~  
39 ~~response of a party to a motion for leave shall be filed within seven days of service of~~  
40 ~~the motion. If leave is granted, the proposed amicus brief will be accepted as filed and,~~  
41 ~~unless the order granting leave otherwise indicates, amicus curiae also will be~~  
42 ~~permitted to submit a brief on the merits, provided it is submitted in compliance with~~  
43 ~~the briefing schedule of the party the amicus curiae supports. Denial of a motion for~~  
44 ~~leave to file brief of an amicus curiae concerning a petition for certiorari shall not~~  
45 ~~preclude a subsequent amicus motion relating to the merits after a grant of certiorari.~~  
46 ~~All motions for leave to file brief of an amicus curiae on the merits after a grant of~~  
47 ~~certiorari are governed by Rule 25.~~