

## Civil Justice Association of California Amicus Panel FAQs

- 1. What is the deadline to apply?**
  - November 1, 2023.
- 2. How many lawyers will be on the amicus panel?**
  - We estimate a minimum of 10-15 outside appellate counsel.
- 3. Why is CJAC putting together this amicus panel?**
  - CJAC has a well-established amicus program that has been active for decades. With the passing of our long-time amicus leader, there are new opportunities for program leadership.
- 4. Can lawyers self-nominate?**
  - No. Applicants must be nominated by a CJAC board member or staff.
- 5. Who will lead the amicus panel?**
  - A CJAC-designated appellate counsel. CJAC is also [requesting applications](#) for this position.
- 6. How many briefs does CJAC file per year?**
  - Approximately 12-14.
- 7. What are the usual topics of focus for CJAC amicus briefs? Can I see examples?**
  - CJAC amicus submissions have historically covered a broad range of civil liability and procedure topics. Visit [cjac.org/appellate-center](http://cjac.org/appellate-center) for example topics and recent briefs.
- 8. How often will the amicus panel meet and will meetings be virtual?**
  - Generally meetings will be bi-monthly and by video conference.
- 9. Is there a brief quota?**
  - No, but members are expected to be active in merits discussions and periodically write briefs.
- 10. Will amicus panel members be able to participate in CJAC events and access CJAC members?**
  - Amicus panel members will be listed on CJAC's website and materials seen by CJAC members.
  - Panel members will also receive a discounted rate for [CJAC Legal Advisory Board](#) membership which includes access to CJAC events and legislative, appellate, and regulatory newsletters.
- 11. If I write the brief, will I be listed as counsel on CJAC amicus briefs?**
  - Yes. Amicus submissions will be under CJAC's name with primary drafter listed as counsel.
- 12. Will I get paid for writing CJAC amicus briefs?**
  - Generally, amicus panel members will be expected to write letter briefs (such as in support of review, publication, or depublication) on a pro bono basis.
  - Merit briefs will be pro bono or a modest flat fee may be provided, to be determined at the outset of the brief.
- 13. Will briefs I write be edited? If so, by whom?**
  - Briefs will be subject to review and editing for consistency of CJAC voice and brand. The editor will generally be a CJAC-designated appellate counsel at an outside firm.
- 14. How do I apply?**
  - Visit: [cjac.org/cjac-amicus-panel](http://cjac.org/cjac-amicus-panel)
- 15. Who do I contact with more questions?**
  - Direct questions to [legal@cjac.org](mailto:legal@cjac.org) or call Kyla Christoffersen Powell at 916-443-4900.