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The Honorable David G. Campbell  
Chair, Judicial Conference Committee on  
Rules of Practice and Procedure  
401 West Washington Street, Suite 623  
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The Honorable John D. Bates  
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
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Dear Judge Campbell and Judge Bates:

The Supreme Court has received correspondence from Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and Representative Hank Johnson concerning disclosure requirements for those filing *amicus curiae* briefs in the Supreme Court and in the federal courts of appeals. The correspondence focuses upon Supreme Court Rule 37.6, which includes a requirement that an *amicus* disclose the identity of any person who made a contribution to fund the submission of the brief.

Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 29(a)(4)(e) includes a similar requirement for *amicus* briefs in the courts of appeals. In light of the similarity of the two rules, the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure may wish to consider whether an amendment to Rule 29 is in order. The Committee's consideration would provide helpful guidance on whether an amendment to Supreme Court Rule 37.6 would be appropriate.

For your information, I am enclosing the correspondence with Senator Whitehouse and Representative Johnson. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you need any additional information.

Very truly yours,

  
Scott S. Harris