



# PACDL

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF  
CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS

**APPLICATION TO PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS (PACDL)  
FOR SUPPORT AS AMICUS CURIAE**

### Introduction

PACDL is selective in the cases to which it lends its support as amicus curiae. The Amicus Committee recommends filing amicus curiae briefs to the PACDL Board of Directors only in carefully selected cases that present issues of extraordinary importance to criminal defense lawyers and the criminal defense system and where PACDL can make a meaningful and original contribution. PACDL prioritizes support in instances where the appeal has reached the highest level of review. In appropriate circumstances, the Amicus Committee may consider and recommend support for an important case at a different level of review before a state or federal court.

Please fill out the information requested below and send the form and requested attachments to PACDL's Executive Director at [pacdl@pacdl.org](mailto:pacdl@pacdl.org). We encourage you to seek amicus support at least 6-8 weeks in advance of the deadline for filing.

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1. What is the case caption on appeal? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the next level of review, and jurisdiction, for which you seek amicus curiae support?

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- Pennsylvania Superior Court
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the county or jurisdiction from which the appeal arises? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are the briefing deadlines? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please set forth the facts and procedural history of the case that are relevant to the position you are asserting and include the disposition of the case below.

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6. What question(s) is(are) presented at the next level of appeal?

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7. What issue(s) of extraordinary importance to criminal defense lawyers and to the criminal defense system do(es) your appeal raise?

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8. What is the meaningful and original contribution from PACDL you seek as amicus curiae?

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9. What specific question on appeal do you wish for PACDL to support as amicus curiae?

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10. Identify any other organizations from which you sought amicus support and the results of your support request.

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11. What other notable issues should be brought to the Committee's attention?

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12. In addition to this completed application, please also forward the following documents:

- A copy of the opinion from the lower court,
- Briefs from the parties (at the most recent level of review),
- Petition for allocator, if any, and responses, and
- Any other materials you think may be relevant to the issues on appeal (*e.g.*, indictment, court orders).

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