

**Amicus Invitation No. 24-28-06**  
**AMICUS INVITATION (Pro Se Respondent) DUE JULY 29, 2024**

**JUNE 28, 2024**

The Board of Immigration Appeals welcomes interested members of the public to file amicus curiae briefs discussing the below issue(s):

**ISSUE(S) PRESENTED:**

What is the scope of the Immigration Judge's duty to develop the record for a pro se respondent? *See, e.g., Arteaga-Ramirez v. Barr*, 954 F.3d 812 (5th Cir. 2020); *Matter of J-F-F-*, 23 I&N Dec. 912, 922 (A.G. 2006); *Matter of S-M-J-*, 21 I&N Dec. 722, 723-24, 28-29 (BIA 1997); *see also Quintero v. Garland*, 998 F.3d 612, 623-26 (4th Cir. 2021) (discussing possible sources of authority for such a duty). Is this duty affected by individual characteristics of the respondent, such as education level or language ability?

**Request to Appear as Amicus Curiae:** Members of the public who wish to appear as amicus curiae before the Board must submit a written request labeled "REQUEST TO APPEAR AS AMICUS CURIAE" pursuant to Chapter 2.10, Appendix A (Directory), and Appendix E (Cover Pages) of the Board of Immigration Appeals Practice Manual. The Request to Appear as Amicus Curiae must explicitly identify that it is responding to Amicus Invitation No. **24-28-06**. The decision to accept or deny a Request to Appear as Amicus Curiae is within the sole discretion of the Board. Please see Chapter 2.10 of the Board of Immigration Appeals Practice Manual.

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**Request for Case Information:** Additional information about the case, including the parties' contact information, may be available. Please contact the Clerk's Office at the below address for this information prior to filing your Request to Appear as Amicus Curiae and amicus brief.

**Page Limit:** The Board asks that amicus curiae briefs be limited to **25 double-spaced pages**.

**Deadline:** Please file a Request to Appear as Amicus Curiae and amicus brief with the Clerk's Office at the address below by **JULY 29, 2024**. Your request must be received at the Clerk's Office within the prescribed time limit. Motions to extend the time for filing a Request to Appear as Amicus Curiae and amicus brief may not be entertained. It is *not* sufficient simply to mail the documents on time. We strongly urge the use of an overnight courier service to ensure the timely filing of your brief.

**Service:** Please mail three copies of your Request to Appear as Amicus Curiae and amicus brief to the Clerk's Office at the address below. If the Clerk's Office accepts your brief, it will then serve a copy on the parties and provide parties time to respond.

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