IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA May 7, 2015

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 29, Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure, be amended to read in accordance with the appendix to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment is effective immediately;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following note from the reporter of decisions be added to follow Rule 29:

"Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending Rule 29, effective May 7, 2015 is published in that volume of <u>Alabama Reporter</u> that contains Alabama cases from So. 3d."

Moore, C.J., and Stuart, Parker, Murdock, Shaw, Main, Wise, and Bryan, JJ., concur.

Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama

APPENDIX

- Rule 29. Briefs of an Amicus Curiae.
- (a) When permitted. A brief of an amicus curiae may be filed only by leave of court granted on motion, or at the request of the court.
- (b) Motion for leave to file. A motion for leave to file an amicus brief shall identify the interest of the applicant and shall state the reasons why the brief of an amicus curiae is desirable. The brief may be conditionally filed with the motion for leave to file.
- (c) Contents and form. The brief shall follow the form prescribed for the brief of an appellee.
- (d) Time for filing. Unless otherwise provided by the court, the brief of an amicus curiae shall be filed within the time allowed the party whose position on the appeal the amicus brief will support.
- (e) Reply brief. Except by the court's permission, an amicus curiae may not file a reply brief.
- (f) Oral argument. An amicus curiae may participate in oral argument only upon motion and leave of court.