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Liphatech CEO Carl Tanner Elected to Board of Directors for Industry Trade Association RISE

Not-for-profit Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment® (RISE) represents specialty pesticide and fertilizer manufacturers

MILWAUKEE (October 6, 2008) Carl Tanner, chief executive officer of Liphatech, the leading developer of rodent control products, has been elected to the board of directors for RISE.

Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment® (RISE) is a not-for-profit trade association that represents the interests of manufacturers in the North American specialty pesticide and fertilizer markets.

Tanner has been a voting member of RISE for many years; he was nominated by a peer in the association to serve a three-year term on the organization's governing board. He has served as CEO of Liphatech, Inc., for the past six years.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., RISE provides information to lawmakers whose decisions affect the industry. The organization educates legislators, media members and key influencers about the benefits of specialty pesticide and fertilizer use and the risks posed by pests that left untreated could cause serious health and safety issues.

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"RISE is the single most important and effective body representing pesticide and fertilizer

makers in this country," said Tanner. "The most critical aspect of the association's mission is

wrestling with political and regulatory issues that affect the use of our products. We need the

public and the regulating bodies to know us and to understand that these are useful and

necessary products."

RISE represents varied business segments, including: Structural pest control – pesticides for

everything from rats and fleas to termites; turf and ornamental - products for healthy turf

grass and landscaping; vegetation management – noxious weeds control, fertilizers that

encourage desirable vegetation; nursery and greenhouse – protecting commercially grown

shrubs, trees and plants; forestry – control of undesirable vegetation while enhancing tree

growth; aquatics - weed reduction in lakes, rivers and streams; and public health - control of

mosquitoes and ticks, as well as other transmitters of infections and disease.

"RISE represents pesticides and fertilizer products that manage populations of rodents or

limit harmful vegetation, problems that are legitimate public health concerns," said Tanner.

"I'm pleased, on Liphatech's behalf, to be a part of this important work."

For more information about Liphatech or Liphatech products and services, call (888) 331-

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About Liphatech

Headquartered in Milwaukee, Liphatech has a long history of advancing the science of rodent control through research and product innovation. Combining the most advanced technology available with the highest level of customer service and technical support, Liphatech delivers solutions that allow pest management professionals (PMPs) to quickly and cost-effectively generate results for both commercial and residential customers.

Liphatech's product line includes highly palatable rodenticides such as Generation[®], formulated with Difethialone - the newest single-feed anticoagulant on the market, as well as Maki[®], BlueMaxTM and Rozol[®]. Liphatech also provides the latest bait station technology with its "fast-to-service" Aegis[®] line of bait stations. This includes the highly versatile Aegis[®]-RP with a unique design that allows rodents to "see their exit before entry." Industry research shows that rodents are more likely to enter a bait station and feed sooner when they can see an escape route. For more information about Liphatech and its comprehensive line of products, call 888-331-7900 or visit www.liphatech.com

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Joseph E. Plamondon, Ph.D., born Dubuque, Iowa. Education: Loras College (B.S. in Chemistry); University of California at Berkeley (M.S. in Bio-organic Chemistry); University of California at Davis (Ph.D.). Dr. Plamondon brings a wealth of experience in the regulatory arena and is well known in the industrial chemical community. He has spent over 25 years working on TSCA matters and more recently on REACH. Dr. Plamondon has extensive experience working within the regulated community in positions with the Rohm and Haas Company and Akzo Nobel, and has published a book based on his 25 years of experience entitled The Underlying Foundation of Science Used in the Regulation of Industrial Chemicals. The book addresses chemical identity and nomenclature issues, along with risk assessment and toxicology, under both TSCA and REACH. In addition to his work within the chemical industry, Dr. Plamondon has spent over ten years consulting with chemical companies on a broad range of TSCA issues. Projects have included providing strategic preparation and submission of premanufacture notifications (PMN) designed to avoid TSCA Section 5(e) consent orders and other adverse regulations, as well as offering guidance to companies in the determination of whether certain health and safety information is reportable under TSCA Section 8(e). Dr. Plamondon has presented at many conferences and professional meetings, e.g., the American Chemistry Council's Global Chemical Regulations Conference (Living with TSCA), among others, and has spoken at major global REACH conferences sponsored by the Rapra group in Boston in April 2008, Houston in January 2009, and Amsterdam in June 2009, and a conference sponsored by Fresenius in Cologne in December 2009. Dr. Plamondon had written extensively on chemical regulatory matters prior to the book publication. Recent publications include TSCA and Engineered Nanoscale Substances, Nanotechnology Law and Business (2007) (co-author) and The DuPont TSCA Enforcement Action: Implications for the Chemical Indust

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We represent and counsel individuals, business entities, trade associations, and industry coalitions. Our professionals conduct advocacy before EPA, FDA, HHS, OSHA, ATSDR, NTP, OMB, the Departments of State, Interior, and U.S. Special Trade Representative, state governmental bodies, federal and state courts, and in other forums, and play active roles in business strategy development, compliance planning, toxic tort defense, acquisitions, and related activities.

Our fundamental goals are to solve our clients' existing problems, and to minimize future difficulties. Reliance on only a single set of skills often is not enough. Legislative opportunities, rulemaking, and litigation options must be coordinated and effectively implemented.

We take a multi-disciplinary approach in assisting our clients, partnering with toxicological, chemical, engineering, economic, and other experts on individual matters as necessary to achieve results effectively and efficiently. Attention must be paid to the interplay of all branches of government and interest groups. Our capabilities, borne of site-and issuespecific experience, combined with our national and international view on policy and regulatory developments, position us to handle all these tasks with judgment, creativity, and efficiency.

Lynn L. Bergeson is a founding member of Bergeson & Campbell, P.C., in Washington, D.C. She has practiced chemicals regulation, environmental, and occupational safety and health since 1980. She represents individual corporations and a wide range of trade associations on chemical-specific legislative, regulatory, and enforcement-related matters. Ms. Bergeson's practice areas include TSCA, FIFRA, EPCRA, RCRA, CAA, CWA and OSHA compliance and litigation. Ms. Bergeson is widely published and lectures frequently on regulatory and policy issues affecting chemicals under federal, state, and international regulatory programs.

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The experience and expertise of Acta and Acta EU professionals cover a wide range of chemicals and products, including pesticides; industrial and specialty chemicals regulated under TSCA; products of biotechnology and nanotechnology; and medical devices. Acta and Acta EU concentrate on obtaining and maintaining product approvals and overcoming impediments to the successful and profitable marketing of approved products. The multi-disciplinary skills possessed by members of Acta and Acta EU are essential to a cost-effective and timely product approval project. Today's regulatory approvals hinge on the utilization of multiple sources of information, resources, and skills. Acta and Acta EU offer a complete line of services intended to take a product or product concept to the point of its commercial marketing, to protect the market position of new and existing products, and to maintain products once they have been approved.

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SIERRA CLUB, Plaintiff, VS. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, et al., Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. H-07-0608

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, HOUSTON DIVISION

2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 84230

November 14, 2007, Decided November 14, 2007, Filed

SUBSEQUENT HISTORY: Motion granted by Sierra Club v. Fed. Emergency Mgmt. Agency, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 47405 (S.D. Tex., June 11, 2008)

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R D Smith, President, CCFCC, Amicus, Pro se, Cypress, Tx.

JUDGES: Lee H. Rosenthal, United States District Judge.

OPINION BY: Lee H. Rosenthal

OPINION

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

The Sierra Club, a national nonprofit environmental organization, filed this suit under Section 4104(g) of the

National Flood Insurance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4104(g). The Sierra Club is appealing the denial of their administrative appeal of a final flood elevation determination for the Cypress Creek watershed made by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Harris County, Texas and incorporated areas. (Docket Entry No. 1). FEMA also denied the administrative appeal filed by the Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition ("CCFCC"), which raised the same objections as the Sierra Club's appeal. (Docket Entry No. 16 at 6-7; id., Ex. A at 3-5). Unlike the Sierra Club, CCFCC did not file suit to seek judicial review [*2] of FEMA's flood elevation determinations. Instead, CCFCC decided to seek revisions of various flood elevations determinations through an administrative revision process. (Docket Entry No. 16 at 10-11). The timetable for that work is uncertain.

CCFCC seeks leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief in the action filed by the Sierra Club. CCFCC asserts that its participation will help the court understand the complex issues relating to flooding and flood elevation determinations and provide valuable local information about the potential impacts of mistakes in those determinations. (Docket Entry No. 22). The defendants oppose CCFCC's motion to file an *amicus curiae* brief on the same grounds that provided the basis for their earlier motion to dismiss, that this court lacks subject matter jurisdiction because the United States has not waived its

sovereign immunity and the plaintiffs lack standing. (Docket Entry No. 25). These defendants' motion to dismiss was denied.

"The extent, if any, to which an amicus curiae should be permitted to participate in a pending action is solely within the broad discretion of the district court." Waste Mgmt. of Pa., Inc. v. City of York, 162 F.R.D. 34, 36 (M.D. Pa. 1995); [*3] see also United States ex rel. Gudur v. Deloitte Consulting L.L.P., Civil Action No. H-00-1169, 512 F. Supp. 2d 920, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18297, 2007 WL 836935, at *6 (S.D. Tex. March 15 2007); Hoptowit v. Ray, 682 F.2d 1237, 1260 (9th Cir. 1982); Concerned Area Residents for the Env't v. Southview Farm, 834 F. Supp. 1410, 1413 (W.D.N.Y. 1993); United States v. Gotti, 755 F. Supp. 1157, 1158 (E.D.N.Y. 1991); Pa. Envtl. Def. Found. v. Bellefonte Borough, 718 F. Supp. 431, 434 (M.D. Pa. 1989); Leigh v. Engle, 535 F. Supp. 418, 420 (N.D. Ill. 1982). One court has cautioned that "a district court lacking joint consent of the parties should go slow in accepting, and even slower in inviting, an amicus brief unless, as a party, although short of a right to intervene, the amicus has a special interest that justifies his having a say, or unless the court feels that existing counsel may need supplementing assistance." Strasser v. Doorley, 432 F.2d 567, 569 (1st Cir. 1970).

"No statute, rule, or controlling case defines a federal district court's power to grant or deny leave to file an amicus brief." Gudur, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18297, 2007 WL 836935, at *6. District courts commonly seek guidance from Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 29, which establishes standards for [*4] filing an amicus brief in the United States Courts of Appeals. 1 Id. A district court must keep in mind the differences between the trial and appellate court forums in determining whether it is appropriate to allow an amicus curiae to participate. Chief among those differences is that a district court resolves fact issues. Leigh v. Engle, 535 F. Supp. 418, 422 (N.D. Ill. 1982). "An amicus who argues facts should rarely be welcomed." Strasser, 432 F.2d at 569. An amicus may be useful at the appellate level but not in the district court. Yip, 606 F. Supp. at 1568; Leigh, 535 F. Supp. at 422.

- 1 Rule 29 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure provides:
 - (a) When Permitted. The United

States or its officer or agency, or a State, Territory, Commonwealth, or the District of Columbia may file an amicus-curiae brief without the consent of the parties or leave of court. Any other amicus curiae may file a brief only by leave of court or if the brief states that all parties have consented to its filing.

- (b) Motion for Leave to File. The motion must be accompanied by the proposed brief and state:
 - (1) the movant's interest; and
 - (2) the reason why an amicus brief is desirable and why the matters asserted [*5] are relevant to the disposition of the case.
- (c) Contents and Form. An amicus brief must comply with Rule 32. In addition to the requirements of Rule 32, the cover must identify the party or parties supported and indicate whether the brief supports affirmance or reversal. If an amicus curiae is a corporation, the brief must include a disclosure statement like that required of parties by Rule 26.1. An amicus brief need not comply with Rule 28, but must include the following:
 - (1) a table of contents, with page references;
 - (2) a table of authorities--cases (alphabetically arranged), statutes and other authorities--with references to the

pages of the brief where they are cited;

- (3) a concise statement of the identity of the amicus curiae, its interest in the case, and the source of its authority to file;
- (4) an argument, which may be preceded by a summary and which need not include a statement of the applicable standard of review; and
- (5) a certificate of compliance, if required by Rule 32(a)(7).
- (d) Length. Except by the court's permission, an amicus brief may be no more than one-half the maximum length authorized by these rules for a party's principal brief. If the court grants a party permission [*6] to file a longer brief, that extension does not affect the length of an amicus brief.
- (e) Time for Filing. An amicus curiae must file its brief, accompanied by a motion for filing when necessary, no later than 7 days after the principal brief of the party being supported is filed. An amicus curiae that does not support either party must file its brief no later than 7 days after the appellant's or petitioner's principal brief is filed. A court may grant leave for later filing, specifying the time within which an opposing

party may answer.

- (f) Reply Brief. Except by the court's permission, an amicus curiae may not file a reply brief.
- (g) Oral Argument. An amicus curiae may participate in oral argument only with the court's permission.

A district court should consider whether the information offered through the amicus brief is "timely and useful" or otherwise necessary. Id. A court should also consider whether the individual or organization seeking to file the amicus brief is an advocate for one of the parties. Southview Farm, 834 F. Supp. at 1413. While federal appellate courts often permit the submission of highly partisan amicus briefs, see Leigh, 535 F. Supp. at 422, there is significant [*7] variance in the extent to which district courts are willing to permit the participation of an amicus who acts primarily as an advocate for one party. Some district courts express strong reservations about permitting the submission of amicus briefs that strongly favor one side over the other. In Leigh v. Engle, the court denied the Secretary of Labor's motion for leave to file an amicus brief supporting the plaintiffs' ERISA claim. The Secretary had not submitted the memorandum as an amicus curiae but rather as an "amicus petit," or "friend of the plaintiff." Id. The court stated that the defendants were "entitled to have their contentions and arguments on the summary judgment motions considered without having the weight of the United States, speaking through the Secretary of Labor, joining plaintiffs in the assertion that there are no issues of material fact, that defendants have violated the provisions of ERISA, and thus are liable to a judgment ordering them to disgorge profits they have made from alleged breaches of trust." Id. The Leigh court also pointed to the lack of complexity or ambiguity in the law as a reason for denying the motion. Id.

The district court in *United States* [*8] v. Gotti refused to permit the submission of an amicus brief for similar reasons. In Gotti, the court did not allow the New York Civil Liberties Union to file an amicus in part because "[r]ather than seeking to come as a "friend of the court" to provide the court with an "objective, dispassionate, neutral discussion of the issues, it is apparent that the NYCLU has come as an advocate for

one side, having only the facts of one side at the time." 755 F. Supp. at 1159. Other considerations also weighed against permitting the amicus, including that the parties had not jointly consented to the filing, the parties were well represented and their counsel did not need assistance, the brief did not raise new issues, and the NYCLU did not comply with the Rule 29 requirements. Id. at 1158-59.

In Yip v. Pagano, the district court echoed the concerns about partisan amici laid out in Leigh and Gotti, stating, "Where a petitioner's attitude toward the litigation is patently partisan, he should not be allowed to appear as amicus curiae." Yip v. Pagano, 606 F. Supp. 1566, 1568 (D.N.J.) (quoting Casey v. Male, 63 N.J. Super. 255, 164 A.2d 374, 377 (N.J. Super. Ct. 1960)). However, the court in Yip took a somewhat more permissive [*9] approach than the Leigh court and allowed a group of congressmen to file an amicus brief supporting the immunity claim of a defendant sued for making defamatory remarks during a congressional hearing. Id. at 1568-69. The court distinguished Leigh on the ground that in Leigh the would-be amicus had waited until three years into the proceedings to file his motion and that granting the motion would cause further delay. Id. at 1568. Faced with what the Leigh court had described as an "amicus petit," the Yip court did not find the congressmen's brief to be so "patently partisan" that it would be inappropriate to allow the group to participate as an amicus curiae.

Other courts routinely permit organizations to file amicus briefs when their interests are closely aligned with those of one party. Courts that take this approach stress that "[t]here is no rule . . . that amici must be totally disinterested," Hoptowit, 682 F.2d at 1260, and that "by the nature of things an amicus is not normally impartial," Strasser, 432 F.2d at 569. 2 In Concerned Area Residents for the Env't v. Southview Farm, 834 F. Supp. at 1413, the district court permitted a private organization to file an amicus brief despite [*10] having contributed at least \$ 10,000 to defray the defendants' legal costs. In Hoptowit v. Ray, 682 F.2d at 1260, the Ninth Circuit upheld the district court's appointment of the United States Department of Justice and the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington as amicus curiae in a lawsuit challenging conditions at a state prison despite the fact that "the United States Attorney acted exclusively on behalf of the points of view taken by the inmates." The Ninth Circuit emphasized that there was no indication "that amicus

controlled the litigation, or that the inmates were mere strawmen to confer standing so that *amicus* could litigate its views." *Id.*

2 One court recounts how one attorney, when asked for his response to the argument of an *amicus*, responded, "That fellow isn't any more a friend of the court than I am." *Strasser*, 432 F.2d at 569 n. 2.

In this case, the defendants opposed CCFCC's motion to file an *amicus curiae* brief. (Docket Entry No. 25). No party has consented to the filing. The parties are sophisticated and ably represented by counsel. It is unclear what new perspective or information CCFCC could provide. CCFCC has the same interests and policy [*11] objectives as the Sierra Club. There is no reason to think that CCFCC has access to greater technical, scientific, or legal expertise than the Sierra Club. It appears that CCFCC seeks to litigate fact issues; such a role is generally inappropriate for an *amicus*. *Strasser*, 432 F.2d at 569.

The partisanship of CCFCC also weighs against permitting it to participate as *amicus curiae*. CCFCC filed an administrative appeal raising the same objections as this lawsuit. (Docket Entry No. 16 at 6-7; *id.*, Ex. A at 3-5). Not only are CCFCC's interests in this litigation squarely aligned with those of the Sierra Club, but CCFCC has as much of a stake in the outcome as the Sierra Club. CCFCC's organizational interests will be directly affected by any court ruling on a substantive matter.

Finally, CCFCC made a deliberate decision to forgo litigating. Rather than appeal FEMA's denial of their administrative appeal of the final flood elevation determinations for the Cypress Creek watershed, CCFCC elected to work within the administrative process for revising final flood elevation determinations. (Docket Entry No. 16 at 10-11). CCFCC does not have standing to litigate because it did not comply with the [*12] administrative requirements for filing suit. See 42 U.S.C. § 4104(g). Having decided not to seek judicial review as a party, the CCFCC should not be able to proceed in court as an amicus.

CCFCC's motion for leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief is denied.

SIGNED on November 14, 2007, at Houston, Texas.

/s/ Lee H. Rosenthal

United States District Judge

Lee H. Rosenthal

ATTACHMENT G



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
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May 15, 2009

Dear Mr. James:

It has been brought to our attention that certain pesticides are being sold, distributed, and promoted with the inappropriate words "Professional" and "Professional Grade" in product names and advertising. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) provides information to stakeholders on its website about the regulations that govern labels and advertising, and tools for understanding how the Agency reviews pesticide labels (www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/labels/label_review.htm). As part of our overall outreach strategy, we are soliciting the aid of RISE in getting key messages regarding permissible claims on distributor products out to your membership. Broad circulation of this letter to stakeholders will help remind them of Federal pesticide label regulations and the OPP's process for addressing misbranded products, such as those with false and misleading statements.

OPP would like to take this opportunity to explain its position on the use of words "professional" and "professional grade" in product names and in marketing materials. OPP is aware that a distributor is selling and distributing products under a brand name that includes "Professional Grade." In addition to naming its products as "Professional Grade," product advertising has used claims such as "Professional Grade Results" and "Put the power of the professional in your hands."

Section 12(a)(1)(E) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act ("FIFRA") states that it is unlawful to distribute or sell "any pesticide which is ... misbranded." A pesticide is misbranded if "its labeling bears any statement, design, or graphic representation relative thereto or to its ingredients which is false or misleading in any particular." FIFRA § 2(q)(1)(A)(emphasis added). The following describes why EPA finds use of "Professional Grade" in these products' labeling and marketing to be a false or misleading claim and therefore unacceptable.

EPA has listed examples of statements that are false or misleading in its regulations as 40 CFR § 156.10(a)(5). Of interest relating to "professional grade," the list includes "a false or misleading statement concerning the effectiveness of the product as a pesticide or device" and "a false or misleading comparison with other pesticides or devices." 40 CFR § 156.10(a)(5)(ii) and (iv). "Professional Grade" implies a falsehood that pesticides are classified by grade, which they are not. This is a false or misleading comparison to other pesticides under 40 CFR § 156.10(a)(5)(ii).

"Professional Grade" implies or could well imply that the products are more efficacious than

competitors' products. This is likely a false or misleading statement about the comparative effectiveness of the product under 40 CFR § 156.10(a)(5)(iv).

The use of "professional" is misleading in that it does not explain which professionals are being referenced. None of the products in question have ever been classified as restricted use (40 CFR § 152.160), therefore, the sale or use of these products is not restricted to any particular group and the products are legally available for purchase by average consumers.

The product advertising includes phrases that use the term "professional", include the following: "Professional Grade Ingredients!", "Professional Grade Results! Now Available to Consumers," and "Put the Power of the Professionals in your Hands." Section 12(a)(1)(B) of FIFRA states that it is unlawful to distribute or sell "any registered pesticide if any claims made for it as a part of its distribution or sale substantially differ from any claims made for it as a part of the statement required in connection with its registration." OPP has not approved the use of "professional" in claims for these products either at the distributor or basic registrant level.

OPP would like to remind basic registrants and supplemental distributors that only limited changes may be made between basic registered products and their supplementally distributed products per 40 CFR § 152.132(d). Specific claims may be deleted from distributor-product labels but they may not be added per 40 CFR § 152.132(d)(5). When distributor-product names contain new claims that have not been accepted for the basic registration, the label is in violation of 40 CFR § 152.132(d). Both the distributor and the basic registrant are liable for violations pertaining to the distributor product.

I hope this letter clarifies OPP's position regarding use of "professional grade" and "professional" in pesticide product labels and advertising. OPP is considering whether to refer this and similar matters to the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) for potential enforcement action. OPP will be reviewing the supplemental distribution agreements required under 40 CFR § 152.132(a) more closely in an attempt to rectify improper brand names before they reach the marketplace.

We ask that this letter be widely circulate to your membership, and we thank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Meredith Laws, Chief of the Insecticide-Rodenticide Branch, at (703) 308-7038.

Sincerely,

Lois Rossi, Director, Registration Division

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EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs

ATTACHMENT H



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ANIMAL PROTECTION INSTITUTE, Plaintiff v. ROLAND D. MARTIN, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Defendant.

CV-06-128-B-W

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MAINE

2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 13378

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OPINION BY: JOHN A. WOODCOCK, JR.

OPINION

ORDER ON MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PARTICIPATE AS AMICUS CURIAE

Concluding that Safari Club International and Safari Club International Foundation's participation as *amici* curiae in this law suit may be beneficial to the Court by providing a countervailing and distinct perspective, the Court grants their motion to participate as *amici* curiae.

I. BACKGROUND

Animal Protection Institute (API) filed an action against Roland D. Martin, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW), seeking declaratory and injunctive relief for his alleged violation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq., for "authorizing and allowing trapping activities that 'take' Bald Eagles, Canada Lynx and Gray Wolves -species listed as protected from take under the ESA." 1 Compl. P 1 (Docket # 1). Commissioner Martin is represented by the Maine State Attorney General's Office. By this motion, Safari Club International and Safari Club International Foundation (Safari) [*3] seek to participate as amid curiae; API objects. Mot. of Safari Club Int'l and Safari Club Int'l Found, for Leave to Participate as Amici Curiae and Mem. of Law in Supp. (Docket # 10) (Safari Mot.); Pl.'s Opp'n to Mot. to Participate as Amici Curiae (Docket # 33) (API Opp'n); Reply in Supp. of Mot. of Safari Club Int'l and Safari Club Int'l Found, for Leave to Participate as Amici Curiae (Docket # 34) (Safari Reply).

1 16 U.S.C. § 1538(a)(1)(B) provides: "[W]ith respect to any endangered species offish or wildlife..., it is unlawful for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to take any such species within the United States or the territorial sea of the United States."

According to its motion, Safari is a nonprofit corporation with approximately 50,000 members from the United States and worldwide. Safari Mot. Ex. A, Decl. of Kevin Anderson P 3. Its mission is "conservation of wildlife, protection of the hunter, and education [*4] of the public concerning hunting and its use as a conservation tool." ² Id. P 4. Safari Club has about 200 members in Maine. Id. P 13. Safari asks for a "limited form of the amicus-plus status recognized by this Court." Safari Mot. at 1-2. It seeks: (1) to present briefs on motions without the direction of the state of Maine; (2) to participate separately in oral argument on dispositive motions; and, (3) to serve and receive documents and notice of events as if a party. Id. at 6.

2 Safari Foundation is similarly organized and shares a similar mission. *Safari Mot.* Ex. A, *Decl. of Kevin Anderson* 16.

API opposes the motion on a variety of grounds. It claims that Safari's motion is a companion to a motion to intervene filed by four other organizations and three individuals -- each of whom supports trapping -- and complains that the cumulative impact of these motions, if granted, will "maximize the volume of participation by trapping interests in this litigation." API Opp'n at [*5] 2. API argues that the effect would be to "allow two functional interventions, when either group would ordinarily be adequately represented by the other." Id. API also opposes the motion because it is premature, since no motions or memoranda have been filed. ³ Id. at 3.

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API cites Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics v. U.S. Forest Service, CV-03-165-M-DWM, slip op. (D. Mont. Feb. 11, 2004) for the proposition that a motion for leave to participate as amicus should wait until the briefs are filed. Forest Service denied the motion "subject to renewal at the appropriate time." Id. at 3. In Forest Service, Judge Malloy correctly perceives the difficulty in granting leave to participate when it is unclear how helpful and necessary the amicus's participation will turn out to be. But, as Chief Magistrate Judge Erickson stated in Animal Prot. Inst. v. Merriam, Civ. No. 06-3776 (MJD/RLE), 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 95724, *7 (D. Minn., Nov. 16, 2006), to delay is only to "defer the inevitable." The approach suggested by now Justice Alito in Neonatology Assocs., P.A. v. Comm'r of Internal Revenue, 293 F.3d 128, 132-33 (3d Cir. 2002), to err on the side of granting the motion and accepting the brief for what it is worth, seems more practical.

[*6] II. DISCUSSION

Although there are rules governing the participation of amicus curiae on appeal, there is no provision in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure "as to the conditions under which a trial court should permit amicus appearances and the restrictions, if any, that should attend its appearance." Alliance of Auto. Mfrs. v. Gwadowsky, 297 F. Supp. 2d 305, 306 (D. Me. 2003). Nevertheless,

"the district court retains 'the inherent authority' to appoint amicus curiae 'to assist it in a proceeding." Id. (quoting Resort Timeshare Resales, Inc. v. Stuart, 764 F. Supp. 1495, 1500-01 (D. Me. 1991)). An amicus is not a party and "does not represent the parties but participates only for the benefit of the court." Resort Timeshare, 764 F. Supp. at 1501 (quoting News and Sun-Sentinel Co. v. Cox, 700 F. Supp. 30, 31 (S.D. Fla. 1988)).

Granting amicus status remains "within the sound discretion of the court." Strasser v. Doorley, 432 F.2d 567, 569 (1st Cir. 1970). However, Strasser cautioned:

[W]e believe a district court lacking joint consent of the parties should [*7] go slow in accepting, and even slower in inviting, an amicus brief unless, as a party, although short of a right to intervene, the amicus has a special interest that justifies his having a say, or unless the court feels that existing counsel may need supplementing assistance.

Id. Here, Safari does not claim that the Attorney General's representation of the Commissioner will be inadequate. See Daggett v. Webster, 190 F.R.D. 12, 13 n.1 (D. Me. 1990) ("Maine's Attorney General's Office typically performs in the highest professional manner, equal to the skill and performance of private lawyers."). Instead, Safari asserts it will bring a new and necessary perspective to the law suit, offering the Court "an essential voice of the affected interest groups because the State Defendant does not represent the hunting, trapping, and recreational community or those whose recreational and commercial activities are threatened by the potential loss of wildlife management opportunities." Safari Mot. at 5.

Generally, amicus status is granted "only when there is an issue of general public interest, the amicus provides supplemental assistance to existing counsel, [*8] or the amicus insures a complete and plenary presentation of difficult issues so that the court may reach a proper decision." Alliance, 297 F. Supp. 2d at 307 (internal punctuation and citation omitted). Against amici participation is Judge Posner's admonition in Voices for Choices v. Ill. Bell Tel. Co., 339 F.3d 542, 544 (7th Cir. 2003):

The reasons for the policy [of denying or

limiting amici status] are several: judges have heavy caseloads and therefore need to minimize extraneous reading; amicus briefs, often solicited by parties, may be used to make an end run around court-imposed limitations on the length of parties' briefs; the time and other resources required for the preparation and study of, and response to, amicus briefs drive up the cost of litigation; and the filing of an amicus brief is often an attempt to inject interest group politics into the federal appeals process.

Id. (citing Nat'l Org. for Women v. Scheidler, 223 F.3d 615, 616 (7th Cir. 2000)).

The tone of the API response and Safari's reply gives the Court unease about whether the inclusion of Safari as amici will increase only the [*9] heat, not the light. API charges that there is a "game afoot" among Safari and other organizations to maximize the hunter viewpoint during this litigation by seeking actual intervention or amicus status. API Opp'n at 2. Safari rises to the bait and accuses API of attempting to "bar the courtroom doors;" it denies these "unfounded allegations," urging the Court to reject "pure speculation, unfounded beliefs, and innuendo." Safari Reply at 1-2. This does not bode well. Hyperbole rarely convinces, but it inevitably invites an in kind response. If Safari's presence only sharpens the rhetoric, its usefulness as a friend of the court will be minimal and the Court may rue and revisit its order.

Nevertheless, API itself acknowledges that it and Safari are "at opposite ends of the spectrum of the 'interest group politics' that Judge Posner advises should not be injected into judicial [proceedings]." API Opp'n at 7. Since a self-acknowledged interest group has initiated this proceeding, it is only proper to counterbalance its advocacy with the advocacy of opposing interest groups. The Court concludes that Safari's participation may be "beneficial to the Court in this matter, [*10] given the likely difference in perspective" between pro-hunting/trapping organizations state and the Government. Verizon New Eng., Inc. v. Me. PUC, 229 F.R.D. 335, 338 (D. Me. 2005).

In Neonatology Associates, now Justice Alito set out an eminently practical approach to a motion for leave to participate as amicus curiae. 293 F.3d at 132-33. At the

time of the motion, the court can rarely assess the potential benefit of an *amicus* brief, since the brief has not yet been filed. If denied, the court may be deprived of the advantage of a good brief, but if granted, the court can readily decide for itself whether the brief is beneficial. If beneficial, the court will be edified; if not, the brief will be disregarded. Thus, it is "preferable to err on the side of granting leave." ⁴ *Id. at 133*.

4 Justice Alito's approach answers the difficulty of winnowing the chaff during the more controlled appellate deliberative process, but writing for an appellate court, Justice Alito does not address other factors that discourage a trial court from adopting such an expansive view of amicus status, including the potential burden on other litigating parties, the risk of loading one side of the case against the other, and the danger of infusing interest group politics and rhetoric into trial court motion practice.

[*11] The Court seeks to strike a balance between controlling "the abuses enumerated by Judge Posner in [

Voices for Choices], while not unduly delimiting the best purposes served by a legitimate amicus, as recognized by now Justice Alito in [Neonatology Associates]." Animal Protection Institute, Civ. No. 06-3776 (MJD/RLE), 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 95724, at *7 n.4 (D. Minn. Nov. 16, 2006). Here, the balance favors the motion. The Court allows Safari amid curiae status; Safari shall receive service of documents and notice of events, may file memoranda and briefs on motions before the Court, and may participate separately in oral argument on dispositive motions. Accordingly, the Court GRANTS Safari Club International and Safari Club International Foundation's Motion for Leave to Participate as Amici Curiae (Docket #10).

SO ORDERED.

/s/ John A. Woodcock, Jr.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2007