

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

PETER J. MESSITTE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

6500 CHERRYWOOD LANE
GREENBELT, MARYLAND 20770
301-344-0632

MEMORANDUM

TO: Counsel of Record

FROM: Judge Peter J. Messitte

RE: The District of Columbia et al. v. Trump
Civil No. PJM 17-1596

DATE: November 28, 2017

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On November 14, 2017, several Motions for Leave to File *Amici Curiae* Briefs in Support of Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss were filed. They include briefs from: Former Government Ethics Officers (ECF No. 50); Sarah P. Chayes (ECF No. 55); Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, and Federal Courts Scholars (ECF No. 56); Former National Security Officials (ECF No. 57); and Certain Legal Historians (ECF No. 58). Because Plaintiffs have consented to the filing of the briefs and Defendant has taken no position, the Motions, ECF Nos. 50, 55, 56, 57, 58, are **GRANTED**.

A hearing on Defendant's Motion to Dismiss is set for January 25, 2018. The Motions requesting leave to file the *amici curiae* briefs were all accompanied by the proposed briefs. Accordingly, the deadline to respond to any *amici curiae* brief is December 29, 2017. Any party that wishes to file a reply must do so by January 16, 2018.

Despite the informal nature of this ruling, it shall constitute an Order of the Court and the Clerk is directed to docket it accordingly.

/s/
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The Court is in receipt of *Amici Curiae* Seth Barrett Tillman's and Judicial Education Project's Motion for Clarification of the Court's November 28, 2017, Order. ECF No. 71. This Memorandum serves as a clarification of that Order.

The Court's Order invites responses to any of the *amici curiae* briefs from any party or *amicus curiae* who wishes to respond. The deadline to respond remains December 29, 2017. Likewise, the Order invites replies to those responses from any party or *amicus curiae* who wishes to do so. The deadline for any replies remains January 16, 2018.

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DATE: December 15, 2017

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The Court is prepared to devote a full day to argument on Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, running from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with lunch from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. In preparation for oral argument, counsel for the parties are directed to consult and reach an agreement as to the division of time for argument, indicating who the speakers will be during each time segment and report the agreement to the Court by January 11, 2018. Counsel should also notify the Court as to the number of counsel who will be sitting at counsel table, so that the proper arrangements can be made prior to the hearing.

At this time, the Court does not contemplate hearing argument from any *amici curiae*. Accordingly, the Court urges counsel for the parties to be prepared to discuss any issues raised in the *amici curiae* briefs.

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