

Los Angeles County Bar Association Signs Amicus Brief Supporting Perkins Coie

The association's joint filing supports law firm's motion for summary judgement in response to an executive order targeting the firm.

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, April 9, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Los Angeles County Bar Association](#) (LACBA) has joined bar associations across the United States in filing an Amicus Curiae Brief in support of [Perkins Coie LLP's motion for summary judgement](#) in response to an executive order that targets the firm. LACBA, along with 13 other metropolitan, regional, and specialty groups, argues that the executive order undermines the independence of the legal profession and the judiciary, which, ultimately, threatens the rule of law.

The amicus brief was filed with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Washington D.C., on April 7, 2025.

The executive orders retaliate against Perkins Coie LLC for representing political opponents of the President, causing financial losses and damaging reputations. This coercion aims to turn all law firms into instruments of the executive branch, compromising their ability to represent clients independently.

An independent bar is essential for the proper functioning of the judicial system, as it ensures vigorous representation and the adversarial testing of arguments. Historical examples from Germany and Russia illustrate how eroding the independence of the legal profession leads to authoritarianism.

The brief was drafted by the bar associations' counsel, [Professor Jeannie Suk Gersen](#), and signed by the following:

Boston Bar Association

Brehon Law Societies of New York City and Nassau County



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Chicago Bar Association
Denver Bar Association
Bar Association of Erie County
King County Bar Association (Seattle)
Los Angeles County Bar Association
Metropolitan Black Bar Association
Monroe County Bar Association
Muslim Bar Association of New York
New York City Bar Association
Philadelphia Bar Association
San Diego County Bar Association
Women's Bar Association of the State of New York

LACBA signed on to the Amici Curiae brief as part of upholding its mission to advance the administration of justice, which includes upholding the rule of law, promoting impartiality, and supporting the independence of the legal profession.

Amicus curiae translates to "friend of the court" in Latin. It is a legal document submitted by a third party not directly involved in the case to provide additional information, expertise, or a different perspective to a court, especially in appellate cases.

About LACBA

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