

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

DONNA MELZER,

Appellant,

Case No.: SC19-1993

v.

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, et al.

Appellees.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF

The First Amendment Foundation, Inc., hereby provides notice pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.370(d) of its intent to file an amicus curiae brief in support of the Appellant should the Court accept jurisdiction.

The Foundation was created to advocate for the public's interest in free speech, free press, and open government. The protection of the constitutional right of access to open government serves our most basic constitutional values. To that end, the Foundation has an ongoing stake in ensuring such laws remain robust and are not abused by governmental entities.

This case presents the Court with important issues regarding the right of the public's access to records of official government business, pursuant to the Florida Constitution and Chapters 119 and 286 of the Florida Statutes (also known as the Sunshine Laws). The Foundation expects to assist the Court by addressing the interplay between the need for constitutionally-based government transparency, on the one hand, and the mediation privilege, on the other.

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