

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

No. SC2026-0300

Third District Case No. 3D25-0252

WEPARD CORPORATION LTD., ET AL.,

Petitioners-Appellants,

vs.

DIAZ, REUS & TARG, LLP,

Respondent-Appellee,

On petition for discretionary review from a judgment of the Third
District Court of Appeal

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR AS AMICUS CURIAE OF
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Professor Huo Zhengxin, Distinguished Professor of Law at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, gives notice that he intends to seek leave to file an amicus brief supporting the petitioners if the Court accepts jurisdiction in this case of international importance.

Professor Huo is a Chinese expert in private international law. China, like the United States, is a party to the Hague Service Convention, and China receives at least hundreds of requests for service in American lawsuits in a typical year. Professor Huo intends to present two arguments to the Court about the unintended consequences of the lower court's decision.

First, he will present statistics on the time it takes to serve process using the Convention's mechanisms. He will show that the savings in time service by email creates, while real, are often outweighed by a serious disadvantage to American plaintiffs: the unwillingness of foreign courts, particularly in jurisdictions such as China that regard service by email on defendants in China in Convention cases as a violation of their judicial sovereignty, to enforce American judgments that are based on such service.

Second, Professor Huo will show that service of process by email or other means not permitted by the Convention (at least when the relevant state has objected to service by alternate methods) has often

caused diplomatic or other government-to-government disagreements between the United States and its treaty partners, including China, that American courts ought to seek to avoid.

Respectfully submitted,

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