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In this column, Jenner & Block Partner Michael T. Brody highlights a recent case in which the Seventh Circuit set guidelines on amicus briefs. In *Prairie Rivers Network v. Dynegy Midwest Generation*, the court explained that an amicus brief is appropriate when it adds value to the court’s evaluation of the issues on appeal. The court recognized that an amicus is likely an advocate, not a “neutral information broker.” “Nonetheless,” Mr. Brody observes, “an amicus interested in the outcome of the case can contribute to the court’s consideration of the appeal.” He then describes the eight ways in which an amicus brief may assist the court.

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