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Dear Paul:

I was sorry to learn from your October 19 letter that the Wishnatsky case is on appeal to the Eighth Circuit. The AALS would of course be pleased to file the amicus brief that was filed in the District Court with the Court of Appeals. As with our filing in the District Court, we will need someone who is admitted to practice in the Eighth Circuit to put his or her name on the brief and we will need assistance with the logistics, such as filing and other matters.

I assume the person we worked with before, Larry R. Spain at Texas Tech University, would be willing to be the attorney of record. If you could let us know to whom we should address the permission to file an amicus that would be helpful. Is it addressed to the court, or is permission first obtained, or sought, from the opposing side, as I know is the case in some jurisdictions?

AALS is pleased to continue to address this important academic freedom issue.

Sincerely yours,

October 27, 2004

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