

a corporate defendant, which allege damages based on the shareholders' continuing to hold the corporation's stock in reliance on corporate agents' misstatements as the stock diminished in value, are properly brought as direct or derivative claims. Pending before the Court is a motion for leave to participate as *amicus curiae* filed by the Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association in support of the appellees.

(2) The appellants and the appellees both consent to the participation of the proposed *amicus*.

(3) The privilege to be heard as *amicus curiae*, as well as the manner and extent of participation, rests within the sound discretion of the Court.¹ Under the circumstances, the Court finds that the movant may be able to provide the Court with some unique supplemental assistance in this case involving a question of general public importance.²

(4) The motion to participate as *amicus curiae* is hereby GRANTED. The proposed *amicus* brief is deemed to be accepted for filing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the motion for leave to participate as *amicus curiae* is GRANTED.

BY THE COURT:


Justice

¹*Giammalvo v. Sunshine Mining Co.*, 644 A.2d 407, 408 (Del. 1994).

²*Id.* at 410.