

No. 17-35105

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

STATE OF WASHINGTON; STATE OF MINNESOTA, et al.
Plaintiffs-Appellees,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States, et al.,
Defendants-Appellants.

On Appeal From The United States District Court
For The Western District of Washington at Seattle
Case No.: 2:17-cv-00141
The Honorable James L. Robart
United States District Court Judge

**MOTION OF PARTICIPATING LAW FIRMS OF THE EMPLOYMENT
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I. INTRODUCTION

Participating member firms of the Employment Law Alliance (“ELA”), respectfully seek leave to file the attached brief as *amici curiae* in support of affirming the District Court’s Temporary Restraining Order. Proposed *amici* approached Appellants and Appellees requesting consent to file this brief. Appellees have consented, but Appellants have not responded. In support of their Motion, proposed *amici* states as follows:

II. IDENTITY AND INTEREST

The Employment Law Alliance (“ELA”) is an integrated, global practice network whose independent law firm members are well known and well respected for their employment and labor law practices. With more than 3,000 lawyers across more than 120 countries, all 50 U.S. states and every Canadian province, the ELA is the world’s largest such network. This following U.S. law firm members of the ELA, one of which with counsel in Washington, and each of which has significant experience in employment-related matters, hereby submit this brief:

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The ELA has a substantial interest in this case because its member law firms collectively represent hundreds of employers nationwide, including employers in Washington and Minnesota, who have been and will continue to be adversely impacted by *Executive Order Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States*, issued January 27, 2017 (“Executive Order”). Many of these employers are institutions of higher education whose educational missions are adversely affected. In light of the above disruption of ELA member clients’ ability to do business, the undersigned respectfully submit this brief on behalf of the participating member law firms of the ELA in order to explain the grave impact of the Executive Order on U.S. employers.

III. REASONS THE COURT SHOULD GRANT AMICUS COUNSEL’S BRIEF

As noted above, many of the ELA’s participating member’s clients (and their employees and students) will suffer irreparable harm as a result of the Executive Order. As such, the ELA is well situated to provide the Court with significant guidance as to how the Executive Order is and will negatively affect

employers (and their employees and students) across the nation, including in Washington and Minnesota.

We respectfully request that the court accept our brief and allow us to appear as amici curiae.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of February, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, P.K. RUNKLES-PEARSON, hereby certify that I electronically filed the following document with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by using the appellate CM/ECF system on February 7, 2017.

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