

# BWJP Amicus Activity 2018

Case Name	Jurisdiction	Date Brief Filed	Issues	BWJP participation	Result
In the Matter of R.M.A.A.	Dept of Justice, Executive Office of Immigration Review	February 2018	The judge in the asylum trial failed to consider how trauma can affect a victim's demeanor and testimony. The amicus brief addressed the misconceptions about the effects that severe trauma can have on a victim's testimony and perceived credibility.	Review and sign on as co-amici	pending
Purcell v. Purcell	CA Court of Appeals, 4th Appellate District	March 2018	In this appeal from a denial of a protection order, the amicus brief addressed issues involving victim reporting of physical and sexual assaults, specifically how coercive control tactics keep victims from accessing help and how the effects of trauma lead victims to delay or refuse to report physical or sexual violence.	Review and sign on as co-amici	pending
Application of JMM, on behalf of minor children	MN Supreme Court	July 2018	In this name change appeal, the amicus brief demonstrated how a notice requirement to the abusive parent could create further danger for the victim and children and, under the specific statute, notice should thus be considered "impracticable."	Review and sign on as co-amici	pending