

SCHEDULED FOR ORAL ARGUMENT ON OCTOBER 20, 2014

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No. 13-7171

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

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YASSER ABBAS,  
PLAINTIFF-APPELLANT,

v.

FOREIGN POLICY GROUP, LLC; JONATHAN SCHANZER,  
DEFENDANTS-APPELLEES.

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ON APPEAL FROM AN ORDER OF THE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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**UNOPPOSED MOTION OF *AMICUS CURIAE* DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FOR LEAVE TO PARTICIPATE AT ORAL ARGUMENT WITH REGARDS  
TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ANTI-SLAPP ACT OF 2010 IN FEDERAL DIVERSITY CASES**

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This appeal presents the question whether the free speech rights-  
implementing protections of the District of Columbia Anti-SLAPP Act of 2010,  
D.C. Code § 16-5501 *et seq.*, apply in federal diversity cases. As detailed in its  
April 2, 2014 brief as *amicus curiae*, the District of Columbia has a governmental  
interest in ensuring that they do, an interest that extends beyond this case. This  
Court has not yet issued an order identifying the time allotted at oral argument to  
the parties in this case, currently scheduled for October 20, 2014. Pursuant to

Circuit Rule 34(e), the District seeks the Court's leave to present its distinct perspective as amicus on the applicability issue for five minutes at oral argument independent of the time allotted to the parties. Counsel for all parties have indicated that they consent to this motion. Counsel for Appellees have advised that it is their present intent to divide between counsel for the two Appellees their allotted time for argument, or if necessary seek leave to divide their time, and have requested that the District note this information in this motion.

For these reasons, the Court should grant the District's motion for leave to participate for five minutes at oral argument.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that on October 6, 2014, electronic copies of this brief were served through the Court's ECF system to all parties registered in this case.

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