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The New York State Court of Appeals  
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RE: Shipley v City of New York

Your Honors,

With this cover letter, the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) and I humbly apologize for our late filing. We have stated our justification for the delay in my supporting affidavit for the motion to file our amicus brief, but would respectfully hope to expand on that explanation here.

NAME has only one full-time and one part-time employee, but most efforts are those of volunteers, who have demanding day jobs, and who meet infrequently. NAME was first contacted by Barbara Sampson, MD, PhD, then Acting Chief and now Chief of the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) in April 2014 about a potential amicus brief. The contact was with the Chair of the Legal Affairs Committee, but the matter languished there. The OCME re-contacted NAME in October and the matter was considered at the NAME Executive Meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and a decision was approved to attempt to file an Amicus Curiae brief in support of the OCME. Within less than two weeks, we have canvassed our members and written a brief, with which we take great pride. We were hampered by unfamiliarity with the legal format and process required to present our brief to you, but worked hard to get this to you today.

We sincerely hope that you will give us due consideration. We believe that our amicus brief provides valuable input during your deliberation in this case.

Sincerely,

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