

## Analisa yuridis terhadap pelaksanaan amicus curiae dalam penyelesaian sengketa di WTO = Juridical analysis of amicus curiae implementation in WTO dispute settlement

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### Abstrak

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Amicus curiae atau friends of court merupakan praktek yang sudah ada sejak jaman Romawi Kuno dan dalam sistem common law. Atas persetujuan pengadilan, amicus memberikan informasi mengenai area-area hukum di luar keahlian pengadilan atau informasi hukum tidak memihak yang tidak diketahui oleh pengadilan, sehingga hakim dapat memberikan putusan yang berkualitas. Sekarang ini, amicus curiae juga berpartisipasi dalam proses pemeriksaan di pengadilan-pengadilan internasional, seperti ICJ, ITLOS, ICC, NAFTA, ICSID dan WTO, juga pengadilan-pengadilan dalam negeri dengan sistem civil law. Masuknya amicus curiae dan diterimanya amicus brief dalam proses penyelesaian sengketa di WTO, menuai protes keras dari negara-negara berkembang anggota WTO. Amicus curiae dianggap telah mengganggu hak negara anggota, dalam hal sebagai pihak berperkara pada proses penyelesaian sengketa. Amicus curiae juga dianggap mempengaruhi kedaulatan negara anggota. Tujuan penulisan ini adalah untuk mengetahui bagaimana sebenarnya posisi amicus curiae dalam penyelesaian sengketa di WTO dan terhadap negara-negara berkembang anggota WTO.

Dari hasil penelitian diketahui bahwa amicus curiae dalam penyelesaian sengketa di WTO, semata-mata merupakan pemenuhan kebutuhan Panel untuk melaksanakan objective assessment dalam proses pemeriksaan setiap kasus yang diajukan kepadanya. Hak negara anggota sebagai pihak berperkara tidak akan terganggu karena amicus curiae bukan pihak dan tidak akan pernah dapat menjadi pihak dalam proses penyelesaian sengketa di WTO. Berkaitan dengan hal tersebut, amicus curiae juga tidak berpengaruh terhadap kedaulatan negara anggota. Diketahui juga bahwa dengan perkembangan amicus curiae yang ada sekarang, ternyata amicus curiae tidak memberikan banyak manfaat dalam proses penyelesaian sengketa di WTO.

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