COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS	
101 West Colfax Ave. Ste. 800	
Denver, CO 80202	
303-861-1111	
Appeal from Denver County District Court	
The Honorable Michael A. Martinez	
Case No. 2010CV1867	
<b>Plaintiff-Appellants:</b> ANANDA MARGA, INC., a Colorado Nonprofit Corporation, <i>et al</i> .	
v.	
Defendant-Appellees: ACHARYA	
VIMALANANDA AVADHUTA, et al.	
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and	
Intervenor-Appellee: ANANDA MARGA	
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MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE AMICUS BRIEF	

Ananda Marga Pracaraka Samgha, which has more recently been known as the "Ananda Marga Pracaraka Samgha-Kolkata / United Ananda Marga Administration" and is referred to here as "AMPS-Kolkata," pursuant to C.A.R. 27 and 29, requests a 30-day extension to file an amicus brief in support of Appellants Ananda Marga, Inc.

- 1. This appeal concerns a dispute over ownership and control of the assets and property of a religious organization known as Ananda Marga, Inc., headquartered in Colorado.
- 2. As set forth in greater detail in the attached affidavit of AMPS-Kolkata General Secretary Bhaveshananda Avadhuta, this Colorado action and appeal are just part of numerous similar and related lawsuits currently proceeding internationally. These lawsuits are essentially between two factions of the Indiabased Ananda Marga organization, AMPS-Kolkata and AMPS-Ranchi (which appeared as an intervenor below) over ownership and control of the organization. *See* Affidavit at ¶ 5.
- 3. As described in Mr. Bhaveshananda's affidavit, any decision by this Court in the present appeal may have substantial impact in the roughly two dozen ongoing legal actions in India, as well as ongoing disputes between AMPS-Kolkata and AMPS-Ranchi in other nations. *See* Affidavit at ¶¶ 6-12.

- 4. Accordingly, AMPS-Kolkata, together with Appellant Ananda Marga, Inc., urge this Court to allow a modest extension for an amicus brief before wading into this international dispute between competing factions of an India-based spiritual organization.
- 5. Pursuant to C.A.R. 29, any amicus brief supporting the Appellant Ananda Marga, Inc., would be due at the same time as Ananda Marga's opening brief, which is today.
- 6. For the reasons set forth in Mr. Avadhuta's affidavit (principally difficulties in international communication, Mr. Avadhuta's involvement in a similar dispute in Australia, and difficulties in engaging counsel), AMPS-Kolkata has not had sufficient time to prepare an amicus brief. Accordingly, AMPS-Kolkata requests a 30-day extension, to May 2, 2012, in which to file a formal motion for leave to submit an amicus brief and tender its amicus brief to the Court.
- 7. Such an extension would not delay these appellate proceedings, or prejudice Appellees or the Intervenor AMPS-Ranchi. To this end, undersigned counsel have no objection to a comparable extension for Appellees and Intervenor AMPS-Ranchi to file their response briefs, so they can respond to the briefs from both Appellant Ananda Marga, Inc. and Amicus AMPS-Kolkata (presuming of course that the Court permits an amicus filing). Alternatively, Appellant and its

Amicus would not object to Appellees and the Intervenor filing a separate response

to the proposed amicus brief 30 days after receipt, or any other briefing process

and schedule the Court of Appeals deems appropriate.

8. Counsel for Appellant Ananda Marga, Inc. supports this motion for

extension. Undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel for Appellees and the

Intervenor AMPS-Ranchi, who oppose this motion.

WHEREFORE, Amicus AMPS-Kolkata requests that the Court allow it a

30-day extension to May 2, 2012, in which to file a formal motion for leave to

submit an amicus brief and tender its amicus brief to the Court; and for such other

accommodations to the briefing schedule for Appellee and Intervenor as the Court

deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted April 2, 2012.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

The undersigned does hereby certify that on April 2, 2012 a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition for Rehearing was served via Lexis Nexis File-and Serve, or via U.S. Mail, with courtesy copies via email, to:

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