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The cost of an elite amicus brief
has collapsed.

If you want quality in 2026, look for a law firm that knows how to use AI.

Every law firm is using AI; the question is whether the firm uses it effectively. Large firms have filed letters apologizing to courts for hallucinated citations, and at those firms, a junior associate is often running the show.

At Showalter PLLC, an AI-savvy senior lawyer runs the show. We replace junior-associate work with better work from AI, and we pass the cost savings and the higher quality on to our clients.

An amicus brief earns its place by telling the Court something that the parties have not.

Supreme Court Rule 37.1 says that an amicus brief "may be of considerable help to the Court" when it "brings to the attention of the Court relevant matter not already brought to its attention by the parties."

Your knowledge, in the Court's terms

We start with what your organization knows and the parties do not, including what a ruling would do outside the courtroom, and turn it into legal argument that the Court can use.

A brief that stands apart

We find the arguments the parties leave unmade and build your brief on those grounds.

SHOWALTER PLLC AMICUS BRIEF

Suncor Energy (U.S.A.) Inc. v. County Commissioners of Boulder County

COURT

U.S. Supreme Court

CLIENT

The Breakthrough Institute

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> **MICHAEL FRAGOSO**
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> Partner, Torridon Law, writing in *National Review*

> "In our efforts to draft an amicus brief for a prominent Supreme Court case, Showalter was very quick to grasp and communicate my relatively obscure scientific, policy, and legal arguments. He also did so in a strikingly short amount of time and utilized AI tools to reduce costs on my end. I strongly recommend his legal engagement and expertise.
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> **ALEX TREMBATH**
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> Executive Director, The Breakthrough Institute

SHOWALTER PLLC AMICUS BRIEF

Boddie v. United States District Court for the District of Maryland

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U.S. Supreme Court

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Lot purchasers in a Belize residential development

> “Just one week before the deadline to submit an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court, I asked ChatGPT for recommendations. Michael was the only attorney who personally responded, and I couldn’t be more grateful that he did! He was very efficient, communicative, met the deadline, and all for a very fair price. What could’ve been an overwhelming experience became a smooth and successful process thanks to Michael and his team.
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> **CHERYL GOFF**
>
> Amicus curiae

SHOWALTER PLLC AMICUS BRIEF

American Securities Association v. SEC

COURT

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

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PTG Markets

> “Showalter PLLC’s seamless drafting process, clear communication, and early delivery of the completed brief turned a high-pressure amicus filing into a stress-free experience.
>
> **JOANNA MALLERS**
> Secretary, PTG Markets

SHOWALTER PLLC AMICUS BRIEF

Younge v. Fulton Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office

COURT

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Michael J. Showalter

U.S. SUPREME COURT

SEC v. Jarkesy

Michael Showalter's amicus brief for telecommunications trade associations made arguments that Justice Neil Gorsuch later advanced in his concurring opinion, often in nearly the same words.

OUR BRIEF	JUSTICE GORSUCH'S CONCURRENCE
"Article III, the Due Process Clause, and most relevant here, the Seventh Amendment" together require court process. Br. 3.	The jury right "does not work alone. It operates together with Article III and the Due Process Clause." 603 U.S. at 141.
"The Seventh Amendment should be treated no differently than other provisions" of the Constitution. Br. 18 n.10.	"This Court does not subject other constitutional rights to such shabby treatment." *Id.* at 158.
Defendants are owed judicial process "no matter the inconvenience to the government." Br. 30.	The Constitution never let the Executive reassign cases to tribunals where "inconvenient juries and traditional trial procedures go by the boards." *Id.* at 161.
Atlas Roofing "has since been heavily criticized by scholars and effectively repudiated by this Court." Br. 3.	Rejects "the government's overbroad reading of *Atlas Roofing*" and the "atextual and ahistorical (not to mention confusing) tests it inspired." *Id.* at 158.

Outside counsel costs more every year, and AI hasn't changed the bill.

$1,400	an hour is what some firms now charge for a second-year associate, and senior associates and partners bill more.
$40,000–$250,000	is a common price for an appellate amicus brief at a traditional elite firm.
0	firms in a February 2025 Harvard Law School study of the Am Law 100 planned to pass AI's savings to clients. One said AI's value "will likely be captured/built into higher rates." Another said, "Even with our AI initiatives, we just brought in the largest associate class in the history of the firm."
$20,000	was our fee for a Supreme Court amicus brief that we drafted in May 2026. One partner at a traditional elite firm estimates that her firm would have charged at least $200,000 for it.

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An Extraordinary Circumstance

By **MICHAEL A. FRAGOSO**
May 28, 2026 1:09 PM

2. There are roughly 20 lawyers on this 13-page motion. Seriously? Michael Showalter could use his robots to write this solo in 30 minutes — and without the problems noted above.

Michael Fragoso, *National Review*, May 28, 2026

What an amicus brief costs.

SHOWALTER PLLC	TRADITIONAL ELITE FIRM
$10,000–$30,000	~$40,000–$250,000

Our guarantee.

50%

of any standard-rate quote from an Am Law 100 firm for the same amicus brief.

Your landmark cases and your steady docket.

The case that defines your field

A Supreme Court merits case can set the rule for your members or your cause. No organization should file in a case like that in 2026 without a lawyer who knows how to use AI.

The cases your budget used to skip

At traditional prices, most organizations sit out cases that they would like to join. At our prices, you can file at the certiorari stage, in the federal courts of appeals, and in state supreme courts, not only in the one merits case a year that your budget used to allow.

When it comes to citation mistakes, AI is not the problem but the solution.

With robots on the team, we are able to catch mistakes, find obscure cases, and canvass the arguments to a degree that was impossible five years ago.

Two layers of checking

The first layer is deterministic: each case name, court, and reporter volume is matched against legal databases, and the match succeeds or fails. That layer cannot hallucinate, because it looks up a record. The second layer uses a model to test whether each authority supports the proposition it is cited for.

Proven against opposing counsel

This summer our cite-checking skill flagged, in three minutes, that opposing counsel in a Ninth Circuit appeal had rested a central argument on a hallucinated quotation. We raised it in our reply brief, and opposing counsel moved for leave to file an amended brief.

Better than the old way

We find fewer ordinary citation mistakes after our AI cite check than we did with the human paralegals at large firms. Run on law review articles that had already been through human cite-checking, it found a long list of errors.

Lawyers trained at the country's top firms.

Michael Showalter

FOUNDING PARTNER

Supreme Court and appellate litigator; formerly of Gibson Dunn and Wiley Rein. Yale Law School; clerked for Judge Diane Sykes (Seventh Circuit) and Judge Dabney Friedrich (District of Columbia).

Charles Tyler

OF COUNSEL · APPEALS

Supreme Court and appellate litigator; Professor of Law, University of California, Irvine. Yale Law School; clerked for Judge William A. Fletcher (Ninth Circuit) and Justice Goodwin Liu (California Supreme Court); formerly of Jones Day and Orrick.



Michael J. Showalter

Michael Showalter is the founding partner of Showalter PLLC and leads the firm's litigation and appellate practice. He handles appellate representation, complex commercial litigation, amicus briefs, and legal analysis and predictive assessment for companies, organizations, and individuals. He previously practiced in the Washington, D.C. offices of Gibson Dunn and Wiley Rein, focusing on Supreme Court and appellate matters.

EDUCATION

Yale Law School
Senior Editor, Yale Law Journal
University of Michigan, B.A., Economics

CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Diane S. Sykes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
Hon. Dabney L. Friedrich, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

PRACTICE

Litigation & Appeals

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
Supreme Court of the United States
U.S. Courts of Appeals for the D.C., Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits

Michael Showalter's representative experience

Matters predating the founding of Showalter PLLC were handled at Michael's prior firms.

Amicus briefs. At prior firms, Michael was the lead drafter of Supreme Court amicus briefs in administrative-law, Fourth Amendment, statutory-interpretation, and retirement-plan cases. In *SEC v. Jarkesy* (2024), his brief for telecommunications trade associations made arguments that Justice Neil Gorsuch later advanced in his concurring opinion. He also drafted a banking trade association's brief in *Calcutt v. FDIC* (2024), the Institute for Justice's brief supporting certiorari in *Bovat v. Vermont* (2020), a Fourth Amendment case, and the brief of seven religious organizations in *O'Connell v. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* (D.C. Cir.).

U.S. Supreme Court. Michael has drafted merits and certiorari-stage briefs at the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of clients including a defense contractor in a statutory-interpretation case, an energy company in a Takings Clause case, an automobile company in a retirement-plan case, an energy company in an administrative-law case, and a fitness company in a personal-jurisdiction case.

U.S. Courts of Appeals. Michael has drafted dozens of briefs before the federal courts of appeals. These cases span constitutional law, administrative law, complex commercial litigation, statutory interpretation, and contract interpretation. He has presented oral argument before a D.C. Circuit panel on behalf of a broadband provider challenging a Federal Communications Commission order; the panel took the unusual step of praising his argument in its opinion.

Scholarship. Michael has written ten published or forthcoming law review articles, including with the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy; George Mason Law Review; Wake Forest Law Review; and Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy. Michael has also published in Law360 and Bloomberg Law. He has taught constitutional law at Catholic University and has presented at various law schools and legal organizations.

Law & AI thought leadership. Michael has written law review articles on law and AI published with the Notre Dame Law Review, Ohio State Law Journal, and SMU Law Review. Michael's social media writing on law and AI has been viewed by hundreds of thousands.



Charles Tyler

Charles Tyler's practice focuses on appellate litigation and complex cases that turn on questions of law. He handles appellate representation, complex commercial litigation, and legal analysis and predictive assessment for companies, organizations, and individuals. He previously practiced in the San Francisco offices of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe and Jones Day, where he focused on Supreme Court and appellate matters. Charles is a Professor of Law at the University of California, Irvine, where his scholarship addresses federal courts, constitutional law, and civil procedure.

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D.
Oxford University, B.Phil., Philosophy
University of Notre Dame, B.A.

PRACTICE

Litigation & Appeals

CLERKSHIPS

Hon. William A. Fletcher, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
Hon. Goodwin Liu, Supreme Court of California

ADMISSIONS

California

Charles Tyler's representative experience

Matters predating Charles's affiliation with Showalter PLLC were handled at his prior firms.

Supreme Court and appellate courts. Charles has authored dozens of merits and certiorari-stage briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court, the federal courts of appeals, and state courts of last resort. His clients have included an indigent criminal defendant in a successful Fourth Amendment challenge to a conviction in the U.S. Supreme Court; a foreign drywall manufacturer in a Fifth Circuit appeal arising from multidistrict litigation seeking more than $1.3 billion; a telecommunications company in a Fifth Circuit appeal involving a labor dispute over revised healthcare and compensation plans; a global investment firm in a Ninth Circuit challenge to a municipal bankruptcy plan; and a global law firm in a certified question to the California Supreme Court involving a federal bankruptcy estate.

Trial courts and complex litigation. Charles's trial-level work has included representing a medical-device manufacturer in successful post-trial motions that reduced a punitive damages award from $22 million to $3 million, a global oil company in a civil RICO case against lawyers and judges who had obtained a judgment against it in a foreign court through corruption, and a prisoner class in an Eighth Amendment challenge to conditions of confinement.

Scholarship. Charles has written award-winning articles published in the Yale Law Journal, Columbia Law Review, University of Chicago Law Review, Vanderbilt Law Review, and Notre Dame Law Review. His article *The Adjudicative Model of Precedent* won the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers' Eisenberg Prize for the best publication on appellate law. He has taught at George Washington, Stanford, and Peking University School of Transnational Law.

What people have said.

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Michael Fragoso
Partner, Torridon Law, writing in *National Review*

"Among the best legal writers I've worked with at Gibson Dunn."

Nick Harper
Appellate Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

"Michael Showalter's writing has the discipline, clarity, and confidence of the nation's very best advocates."

Ross Guberman
Founder and CEO, BriefCatch

"He wrote top-flight briefs before AI. Now he's using AI to produce the same quality more quickly."

Tom Johnson
Appellate Chair, Wiley Rein

"Mike is at the top of the game when it comes to integrating changes in technology with high-end legal representation."

Xiao Wang
Director, Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, University of Virginia School of Law

"I got top-tier advocacy at a fraction of what it would have cost elsewhere."

Collin Stuart
Data & AI Consultant

"Michael Showalter stands out as one of the most sophisticated AI users among American litigators."

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