

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

JAMES SKINNER,

Petitioner,

v.

LOUISIANA,

Respondent.

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari
to Louisiana's 21st Judicial District Court


**BRIEF OF FEDERAL COURTS PROFESSORS Z. PAYVAND AHDOUT AND
LEE KOVARSKY AS *AMICI CURIAE* IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER**

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

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