**CODEBOOK for “brief\_filer\_level.dta”**

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Unit of Analysis: filer-brief (using combination of filerID and briefID as unique identifier)

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| **Variable** | **Description** |
| **filerID** | Unique identifier for each filer. |
| **briefID** | Unique identifier for each brief in the dataset. |
| **caseLexCite** | Lexis citation for case opinion. Unique identifier for each case. |
| **filer** | Name of filer. |
| **coSignors** | Number of filers who signed the brief. |
| **firstFiler** | Indicator variable for whether the filer was the first one named on the brief. |
| **briefType** | Type of brief filed. |
| **filerPersonID** | Drop this probably |
| **person** | Equals 1 if filer is a human (or, rarely, plot of land) |
| **federal** | Equals 1 if filer is a national government (usually U.S.) or a division thereof (e.g., Federal Election Commission). |
| **state** | Equals 1 if the filer is a state government. |
| **localGovt** | Equals 1 if the filer is a local government entity. |
| **business** | Equals 1 if the filer is a for-profit business. |
| **interestGroup** | Equals 1 if the filer is an interest group, including churches, non-profits, and associations. |
| **union** | Equals 1 if the filer is a union. |
| **tribe** | Equals 1 if the filer is an Indian tribe. |
| **expert** | Equals 1 if the filer is a person and the filer description includes a relevant credential. |
| **plural** | Indicator variable that equals 1 if filer description includes more than one entity. |
| **pluralNum** | Number of groups or persons lumped together as one filer (if plural == 1). |
| **pluralEst** | Indicator variable that equals 1 if pluralNum is estimated by using the smallest possible number (e.g. one person and other == 2, more than 24 people == 25). |
| **generic** | Equals 1 if filer is not named by a proper noun (e.g., 250 American Historians). |
| **prevBriefs** | Number of previous briefs in the data the filer has signed. |
| **term** | Supreme Court term in which case was resolved (from SCDB). |
| **counter** | Variable that equals one for every row; used to count number of rows that satisfy any stated criteria. |
| **amicus** | Indicator variable: whether brief was filed by an amicus. |
| **type** | Type of filer classified into one of five categories: individual, business, interest group, subnational government, or national government. |