

# **Sandberg Phoenix files friend of the court briefs in nationwide case to preserve smoking alternatives**

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Andy Ryan, Tim Sansone, Zach Merkle, and Keith Price recently assisted in preparing and filing friend of the court briefs on behalf of a consumer organization advocating for reduced-harm tobacco alternatives and on behalf of a long-time, committed anti-tobacco researcher and advocate in an appeal challenging a Maryland federal district court's decision that shortened the timeline for e-cigarette manufacturers to submit premarket tobacco product applications on their products by more than two and a half years to May 12, 2020. The district court's decision if upheld will effectively result in a ban of e-vapor products and shut down thousands of small businesses dedicated to helping adult smokers quit smoking. Links to the briefs can be found [here](#) and [here](#).