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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:

PETITION TO AMEND RULE 45,
ARIZONA RULES OF PROBATE
PROCEDURE

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) Supreme Court No. R-22-0008
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) Comment of the Certification & Licensing
) Division in Support of Proposed Rule
) Change
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Pursuant to Rule 28, Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, the Certification & Licensing Division (the Division) respectfully submits this comment in support of the above-referenced proposed rule amendments that would amend Rules 45(c) and (e) of the Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure to require a conservator to provide statements, appraisals, or other documentation to support his or her initial inventory and to attach to the annual account any HUD-1 or similar settlement statement for any real property that was sold during the account period.

The proposed modifications serve to protect the public by requiring the conservator to provide specific financial information before the court earlier in the conservator process, thus ensuring more transparency in the process and improving the courts' ability to identify situations that could be adverse to a protected person's interests. The proposal would work in conjunction with the protections proposed in the Division's petition, R-22-0019, that would add a subsection, creating a new Rule 45(c)(4).

The Division respectfully requests the Supreme Court adopt the amendments to Rule 45, Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure as proposed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this _18th___ day of March, 2022.

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