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7 **IN THE SUPREME COURT**
8 **STATE OF ARIZONA**

9 In the Matter of:

Supreme Court No. R-22-

10 **PETITION TO AMEND RULE**
11 **51(a) OF THE ARIZONA RULES**
12 **OF FAMILY LAW PROCEDURE**

PETITION

13 Pursuant to Rule 28(a) of the Arizona Rules of Supreme Court, the State Bar
14 of Arizona (the "State Bar") hereby petitions the Court to amend Rule 51(a) of the
15 Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure.

16 The text of Rule 51(a), Ariz. R. Fam. L. P. is presented as an introduction to
17 the various methods of discovery available to parties in a family law action. The
18 rule lists the various means of discovery and directs the reader to the rules governing
19 each method of discovery.
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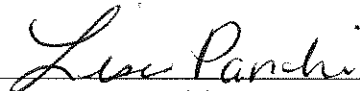
21 Rule 51(a)(2), Ariz. R. Fam. L. P. allows parties to obtain discovery through
22 written interrogatories, identifying the rule governing written interrogatories as
23 "Rule 61." This reference is, however, incorrect. Rule 61 is reserved and contains
24 no text. It appears that it was the intention to refer to Rule 60, which is the rule
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1 governing written interrogatories.

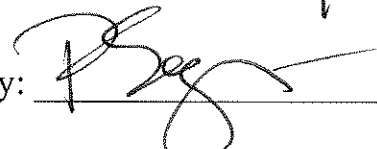
2 **CONCLUSION**

3 The State Bar of Arizona therefore respectfully requests that Rule 51(a) be
4 amended as reflected in the Appendix to this Petition.
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7 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of January, 2022.
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14 Electronic copy filed with the
15 Clerk of the Supreme Court of Arizona
16 this 10th day of January, 2022.

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Appendix

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(Please note: deletions are reflected by ~~strikethrough~~ and additions are reflected by underline.)

Rule 51. General Provisions Governing Discovery

(a) Discovery Methods. A party may obtain discovery by any of the following methods:

- (1) depositions under Rule 57;
- (2) written interrogatories under Rule ~~61~~ 60;
- (3) requests for production of documents or things or permission to enter onto land or other property for inspection and other purposes, under Rule 62;
- (4) physical, mental, and vocational examinations under Rule 63;
- (5) requests for admission under Rule 64; and
- (6) subpoenas for production of documentary evidence or for inspection of premises under Rule 52.