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6 **IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

7 In the Matter of:

Supreme Court No. R-21-0043

8 **PETITION TO AMEND RULE
56(c), RULES OF THE SUPREME
9 COURT OF ARIZONA**

**Comment of the Attorney Discipline
Probable Cause Committee in
Support of Proposed Rule Change**

10 **INTRODUCTION**

11 Pursuant to Rule 28, Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, the Attorney
12 Discipline Probable Cause Committee (ADPCC) respectfully submits this comment
13 in support of the above-referenced proposed rule amendment for all the same reasons
14 the Court originally adopted this provision in 2019. Restoring the ability of Bar
15 disciplinary counsel to enter diversion agreements during the investigative stage not
16 only restores an efficient tool that benefits both Respondent lawyers and disciplinary
17 counsel, but allows ADPCC to generally focus its monthly agenda and review on
18 allegations of often more serious ethical violations. For reference, ADPCC
19 incorporates its comment in support filed on October 21, 2019 under R-19-0040.
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