

the State Bar's solution is more practicable and urges the Court to adopt a modified Rule 14, ARFLP, as set forth below:

(a) Written Verification. A written verification is a sworn statement before a notary public or other officer who is authorized to administer an oath. A verification is required for:

- (1) an acceptance of service under Rule 40(f)(1);
- (2) an affidavit submitted in support of an application for a default decree;
- (3) a consent decree under Rule 45; or
- (4) a stipulation or agreement that substantially changes the terms of a legal decision-making or parenting time order, unless the stipulation is entered in open court or through conciliation services.

However, nothing in this rule precludes the Arizona Supreme Court from modifying the requirements of this rule by administrative order.

(b) Alternative Verification. For those documents that require a verification under section (a) of this rule, courts may accept for filing any of the documents without notarization if they are accompanied by a photocopy of the filer's driver license or other government-issued identification documentation. The applicant must redact a protected address from a driver's license or other government-issued identification document, and any sensitive data as defined by Rule 43.1(f)(1). The clerk may maintain the photocopy of the license or other government-issued identification documentation as a confidential record and limit its availability as provided in Rule 43.1(f)(2)(B)(ii) unless the alternative verification is attached to the document containing the verified signature, in which case the Clerk must not maintain the document as a confidential record and must not limit its availability. A party filing a document with alternative verification attached is

responsible for redacting all sensitive data before filing, consistent with Rule 43.1(f)(2)(A).

(b)(c) Unsworn Declarations Under Penalty of Perjury. Except as provided in sections (a)-(b) of this rule, when these rules require a verification, the requirement is satisfied if the declaration is signed by the person and is substantially in the following form:

“I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated: _____ Signature: _____”.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 31st day of May, 2022.

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