

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of) Arizona Supreme Court
) No. R-23-0017
RULE 3.e, UNIFORM RULES OF)
PROCEDURE FOR COMMISSIONS ON)
APPELLATE AND TRIAL COURT)
APPOINTMENTS)
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) **FILED 08/24/2023**

ORDER AMENDING RULE 3.e. OF THE UNIFORM RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR
COMMISSIONS ON APPELLATE AND TRIAL COURT APPOINTMENTS

On January 9, 2023, Kathryn Townsend, a member of the Arizona Commission on Appellate Court Appointments, filed a petition proposing to amend Rule 3.e. of the Uniform Rules of Procedure for Commissions on Appellate and Trial Court Appointments. No comments having been received and having considered the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 3.e. of the Uniform Rules of Procedure for Commissions on Appellate and Trial Court Appointments is amended in accordance with the attachment to this order, effective January 1, 2024.

DATED this 24th day of August, 2023.

/s/
ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice

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TO:

Rule 28 Distribution

Kathryn Townsend

ATTACHMENT¹

**UNIFORM RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR COMMISSIONS ON APPELLATE
AND TRIAL COURT APPOINTMENTS**

Rule 3. Commissioner Impartiality

a. – d. [No change]

e. A Commissioner shall not communicate verbally or in writing with an applicant about the application or the nomination process from the time the application is submitted until the individual's application is no longer under consideration by the Commission. Commissioners may communicate with individuals whose applications rolled over from a previous vacancy from the date the application was released from consideration in the previous vacancy until the date the new application period closes.

¹ Additions to the text of the rules are shown by underscoring and deletions are shown by ~~strike through~~.