

consistency, cases are seldom completely identical. In addition, a program that works in Maricopa County may not work in Greenlee County.

While Petitioners may have intended their proposals only to apply to cases in Superior Court, amending the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure would trigger procedural changes in limited jurisdiction courts as well. Limited jurisdiction courts do not have the resources or training to provide the recommended conferences. Consequently, we respectfully request that if adopted, the language referenced above be changed from “the court must” to “the court may,” and that the proposed rule be changed to reflect it applies only in Superior Court, as follows:

(Proposed) Rule 17.4(a)(3) Restorative Justice Victim-Defendant Conference. **In Superior Court, if** both the victim and defendant consent to participate, the court ~~must~~ **may** hold a victim-defendant conference...

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this 14th day of March, 2024.

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