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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:	)	Supreme Court No. R-24-0002
	)	
PETITION TO AMEND RULE 4.1(d)	)	COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA
OF THE RULES OF CIVIL	)	COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO
PROCEDURE FOR THE SUPERIOR	)	JUSTICE SUPPORTING THE
COURTS OF ARIZONA AND RULE	)	PETITION
41(c) OF THE RULES OF FAMILY	)	
LAW PROCEDURE	)	

The Arizona Commission on Access to Justice is charged with considering and recommending innovative ways to promote access to justice for individuals who cannot afford legal counsel or who choose to represent themselves in civil cases. Established in 2014, the Commission evaluates best practices, identifies possible changes in court rules or practices to reduce barriers to access, identifies and encourages the adoption of best practices among legal service providers, and considers potential long-term funding options.

Following a presentation at the April 11, 2024, Commission meeting, a motion was made and seconded that the Commission support Rule Change Petition

No. R-23-0045. After discussion by members of the Commission, that motion passed unanimously. This Comment is a result of that formal Commission action and is intended to reflect the Commission's support of the changes requested in the Petition.

This Petition clarifies the process of meeting and conferring, which is especially beneficial to self-represented litigants. Currently, Ariz. R. Civ. P. 7.2 provides that the parties must confer before they file a motion in limine, but this consultation is not always meaningful because parties, especially self-represented litigants may not fully understand the nature of the motion. The proposed rule adds that motions in limine must include a certificate that the parties consulted and provides that the punishment for not including the certificate will be that the motion will not be considered before trial. The access to justice nexus of this petition ensures a true consultation between the parties so that they may fully understand the purpose of the motion, the potential effect on their evidence and provides directions on proper procedure for the motions.

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For these reasons, the Commission supports the adoption of the proposed amendments requested in Petition No. R-23-0045.

DATED this 29th day of April 2024.

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