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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:) Supreme Court No. R-23-0054
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PETITION TO AMEND RULE 39 OF) **COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA**
THE ARIZONA RULES OF THE) **COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO**
SUPREME COURT) **JUSTICE IN SUPPORT OF THE**
) **PETITION**
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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-23-0054. 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 would permit an individual who has a pending application for admission to the State Bar of Arizona, and who is already licensed in another jurisdiction, to make the same appearances in courts and administrative tribunals as a certified limited practice law student or a law school graduate pending admission to the State Bar of Arizona and under similar circumstances. Although this Petition was proposed by prosecuting attorneys to alleviate short staffing, it will also be beneficial to any legal aid or other agencies who need additional legal representation. This Petition seeks to improve access to justice by providing more legal representation in Arizona.

For these reasons, the Commission supports the adoption of the proposed amendments requested in Petition No. R-23-0054.

DATED this 29th day of April 2024.

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