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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:	) Supreme Court No. R-23-0055
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PETITION TO AMEND THE RULES	) COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA
OF PROCEDURE FOR SPECIAL	) COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO
ACTIONS	) JUSTICE SUPPORTING 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-23-0055. 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 seeks to replace the current Rules of Procedure for Special Actions with an updated version recommended by the Supreme Court's Task Force on Rules of Procedure for Special Actions. The current special action rules were adopted in 1970 and have not been significantly updated since that time. These changes support the Commission's mission by providing important clarity to assist self-represented litigants who seek to pursue special actions while still providing safeguards to ensure that special action litigation remains efficient.

For these reasons, the Commission supports the adoption of the proposed amendments requested in Petition No. R-23-0055.

DATED this 29th day of April 2024.

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