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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 ARIZONA) COMMENT IN SUPPORT
SUPREME COURT RULE 39) OF PETITION TO AMEND
) **ARIZONA SUPREME**
) **COURT RULE 39**
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The Arizona Attorney General’s Office (AGO), pursuant to Arizona Rule of the Supreme Court 28(a), supports amending Arizona Supreme Court Rule 39(b). Allowing an Arizona Bar applicant who is already licensed to practice law in another jurisdiction to make the same appearances as a certified limited practice law student or a law graduate pending admission to the Arizona Bar will assist in recruiting and help manage caseloads.

As with many government agencies, the AGO has to deal with staffing shortages and sometimes has difficulties finding qualified applicants. Licensed attorneys in other jurisdictions often apply for positions at the AGO, and are typically promising candidates based on their career experience. However, it can be difficult to recruit these individuals with the necessary delays that come with awaiting admission to the Arizona Bar. Additionally, if such an applicant is hired, their participation in cases is initially more limited than a certified limited practice law student or a law graduate pending admission to the Arizona Bar, despite their qualifications and experience.

The AGO supports the proposed rule change because it will assist in recruiting licensed attorneys from other jurisdictions that will be able to provide high quality work and will assist the AGO in managing caseloads.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of May, 2024

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