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7 **IN THE SUPREME COURT**
8 **STATE OF ARIZONA**

9 In the Matter of:

Supreme Court No. R-24-0008

10 **PETITION TO AMEND RULE**
11 **31.8(b)(1)(B) OF THE ARIZONA**
12 **RULES OF CRIMINAL**
13 **PROCEDURE**

STATE BAR OF ARIZONA
COMMENT

14 Pursuant to Rule 28(e) of the Arizona Rules of Supreme Court, the State Bar
15 of Arizona (the “State Bar”) hereby submits the following as its comment to the
16 above-captioned Petition.

17 After review by the State Bar’s Criminal Practice and Procedure Committee,
18 the State Bar supports the Petition. The State Bar does not believe the proposed rule
19 change would lead to increased delays or expenses to criminal appeals. Including
20 the additional transcripts may, in fact, reduce delays occasioned by requests to
21 expand the record to include jury selection. Additionally, as the Petition notes,
22 including jury selection and hearings establishing prior felony convictions would
23 allow appellate courts to conduct a more thorough review of the record when
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1 appellate counsel files a brief pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967).

2 **CONCLUSION**

3 The State Bar of Arizona respectfully requests that the Proposed Rule be
4 adopted.
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6 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of May 2024.

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13 Electronic copy filed with the
14 Clerk of the Supreme Court of Arizona
15 this 1st day of May 2024.

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