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

9 In the Matter of:

Supreme Court No. R-24-0016

10 **PETITION TO AMEND RULE 17.4**  
11 **AND 38 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 adopting and implementing restorative justice principles in  
19 the Rules of Criminal Procedure. The State Bar, however, does not support adoption  
20 of the rules proposed in the above-captioned Petition. Rather, the State Bar supports  
21 the Petition’s alternative proposal of establishing a task force to study implementing  
22 restorative justice principles.  
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24 The proposed rule would appear to require that the courts expend funds to  
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1 of Criminal Procedure.

2 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024.

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9 Electronic copy filed with the  
10 Clerk of the Supreme Court of Arizona  
11 this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024.

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