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

9 In the Matter of:

Supreme Court No. R-24-0028

10 **PETITION TO AMEND RULE 34(f)**
11 **OF THE ARIZONA RULES OF**
12 **SUPREME COURT**

STATE BAR OF ARIZONA
COMMENT

13 Pursuant to Rule 28(e) of the Arizona Rules of Supreme Court, the State Bar
14 of Arizona (the “State Bar”) hereby submits the following as its Comment to the
15 above-captioned Petition. The Petition seeks to amend Rule 34(f), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.,
16 which provides the process for attorneys admitted in other states to become
17 authorized to practice law in Arizona. The State Bar opposes two aspects of the
18 Petition, as discussed further below, and takes no position on the other proposed
19 amendments to Rule 34(f) set forth in the Petition.
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21 Petitioners propose four amendments to Rule 34(f), which create an easier
22 path for lawyers licensed in other jurisdictions to become authorized to practice in
23 Arizona. The State Bar opposes two of the four proposed amendments to Rule 34(f):
24 1. The proposal to remove the active practice requirement; and 2. The proposal to
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1 active practice requirement and allow a character and fitness examination in another
2 jurisdiction to be accepted as evidence of sufficient character and fitness to practice
3 law in Arizona. The State Bar takes no position on the other proposed amendments
4 to Rule 34(f) in the Petition.
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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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