

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of) Arizona Supreme Court
) No. R-24-0047
RULE 82, RULES OF THE SUPREME)
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) **FILED:06/04/2024**

O R D E R

On June 3, 2024, David K. Byers, Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts ("AOC"), filed a rule petition on AOC's behalf to amend Rule 82 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, which governs the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee ("JEAC"). The proposed amendments would: (a) require JEAC to solicit comments before issuing a formal advisory opinion; and (b) provide for Supreme Court review before a JEAC opinion becomes final.

Petitioner further requests that the petition be given expedited consideration under Rule 28(h)(1), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, and be considered during the Court's August 2024 Rules Agenda. He also requests that the amendments be adopted on an emergency basis under Rule 28(h)(2) of the same rules. He further proposes that the Court open the petition for public comment for a limited time period before considering whether to adopt the amendments on an emergency basis and, if it

does decide to adopt the amendments, reopen the comment period before considering whether to adopt the amendments on a permanent basis.

Upon consideration,

IT IS ORDERED granting the request to consider this petition on an expedited basis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will consider the petition during its August 2024 Rules Agenda and decide whether to adopt the proposed amendments on an emergency basis. If it does, the Court will reopen the public comment period and consider whether to adopt the rule amendments on a permanent basis during its December 2024 Rules Agenda.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this petition is opened for public comment under Rule 28(c), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, with all comments due no later than June 28, 2024, and any reply due no later than July 12, 2024.

The petition may be viewed by going to: <http://www.azcourts.gov/Rules-Forum>. This opens the "Welcome" page. Petitions are posted under the appropriate body of rules (such as the "Rules of the Supreme Court"), which can be found by scrolling down the page.

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Rule 28 Distribution
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