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Rule 28 Distribution

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**ATTACHMENT<sup>1</sup>**

**RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT**

**Rule 81. Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct**

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**Rule 2.6. Ensuring the Right to Be Heard**

(A)-(B) [No change]

**Comment**

1. [No change]

2. The steps that are permissible in ensuring a self-represented litigant's right to be heard according to law include but are not limited to: providing brief information about the proceeding and evidentiary and foundational requirements; modifying the traditional order of taking evidence; attempting to make legal concepts understandable; explaining the basis for a ruling; and making referrals to any resources available to assist the litigant in preparation of the case. The steps listed in this comment are illustrative of what a judge *may* do; it is not a violation of this Code for a judge not to take any such steps. Self-represented litigants are still required to comply with the same substantive law and procedural requirements as represented litigants.

~~23.~~ [No change in text]

~~34.~~ [No change in text]

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<sup>1</sup>Additions to the text of the rule are shown by underscoring and deletions are shown by ~~strike through~~.