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

In the matter of:	)	
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PETITION TO ADOPT RULES 701	)	Supreme Court No. 24-0055
THROUGH 706, RULES OF	)	
PROCEDURE FOR THE JUVENILE	)	<b>Amendment to Petition</b>
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Hon. Anna Young, Chair of the Committee on Juvenile Courts (COJC) (“Petitioner”), files this amendment to rule petition R-24-0055 to respectfully request that any rule amendments this Court is inclined to adopt as a result of this petition become effective upon adoption instead of on January 1, 2026.

**I. Background and Request.**

On October 17, 2024, Petitioner filed rule petition R-24-0055 to establish court rules to clarify the process for obtaining court approval for mental health services for juveniles under A.R.S. § 8-272 by adding new Rules 701 through 706 to the Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court.

Section V (“conclusion and request”) of the petition requested that “this Court open this petition for public comment, consider the petition and comments in the regular course provided by Supreme Court Rule 28, and adopt the proposed

amendments as set forth in the Appendix.” Supreme Court Rule 28(g)(2) provides that “[u]nless the Court's order provides otherwise, the adoption, amendment, or abrogation of rules will become effective January 1 of the following year.”

In light of the ongoing and current need for court rules to clarify the process for obtaining approval for psychiatric inpatient assessments and psychiatric acute care services for juveniles, it would be beneficial for any rule amendments that this Court adopts to become effective immediately upon adoption, instead of waiting until January 1, 2026.

Petitioner is not aware of any circumstances related to implementation that would warrant delaying the effective date since no new procedures are being created—only clarified. Petitioner therefore files this amendment to the original petition to replace Section V (“conclusion and request”) in its entirety with the following, to request that any rule amendments adopted become effective upon adoption instead of on January 1, 2026:

**Section V. Conclusion and Request.**

The proposed rules as set forth in the Appendix will significantly help clarify the requirements and procedures for obtaining approval for psychiatric inpatient assessments and psychiatric acute care services for juveniles. Petitioner therefore respectfully requests that this Court open this petition for public

comment, consider the petition and comments in the regular course provided by Supreme Court Rule 28, and adopt the proposed amendments as set forth in the Appendix. Petitioner further requests that any amendments adopted become effective immediately upon adoption.

## **II. Remainder of Petition to Remain Unchanged**

Petitioner intends for the remainder of the petition not amended as set forth herein to remain unchanged.

Respectfully submitted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

By /s/ Hon. Anna Young  
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