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**IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of	)	Arizona Supreme Court No. R-24-0059
	)	
EMERGENCY PETITION TO	)	
AMEND RULE 6, ARIZONA	)	COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF
RULES OF FAMILY LAW	)	THE PETITION
PROCEDURE	)	
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At its February 13, 2025 meeting, the Committee on Family Court (“COFC”), f.k.a. Family Court Improvement Committee, voted to support the Petition with the following modification to the proposed new Rule 3(k), Ariz. R. Fam. L. Pro.

The proposed Rule 3(k) would provide a definition of what is a “family law case.” After discussion, the COFC believes the proposed Rule 3(k) should be modified to provide that definition of a “family law case” include not only a court cases assigned a unique case number, but also two or more cases consolidated under a single case number. The COFC’s proposed modification to the Petition’s Rule 3(k) is highlighted below in red:

### Rule 3. Definitions

**(k) Family Law Case. A “family law case” is a court case assigned a unique case number upon the filing of an initial pleading under Rule 23, or two or more cases consolidated under a single case number. The filing of a post-decree petition under Rule 23, including a petition for civil contempt under Rule 92, does not create a separate family law case.**

This proposed modification tracks the existing language in Rule 6(b), Ariz. R..  
Fam. L. Pro.

With one dissent, the COFC supported the Petition with this proposed amendment.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2025.

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Chair, Committee on Family Court