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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of

Petition to Amend Ariz. Sup. Ct. R. 32
(A)-(M)

Arizona Supreme Court No. R-25-0001

Comment of the Attorney Regulation
Advisory Committee

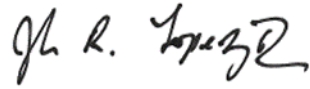
**COMMENT IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO AMEND
ARIZONA SUPREME COURT RULE 32 (A) - (M)**

The Arizona Supreme Court's Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee (ARC) opposes the petition to amend Arizona Supreme Court Rule 32 (A)-(M) to make the State Bar a voluntary association without regulatory authority and transfer that authority to the Administrative Office of the Courts under a new Rule 32.2.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 18, 2025, ARC reviewed and discussed this matter. Accordingly, by a vote of 17-0-2, the Committee directed the submission of this comment in opposition and urges the Arizona Supreme Court to oppose the proposed

petition to amend Arizona Supreme Court Rule 32 (A)-(M) as submitted by Andrew W. Gould and Emily G. Gould, attorneys for Petitioners.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 29th day of March, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Lopez IV". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Lopez" being more legible than the middle initial "R." and the Roman numeral "IV".

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