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**IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the matter of: ) Supreme Court No. R-24-0055  
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) **COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA**  
PETITION TO ADOPT RULES 701 ) **COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO**  
THROUGH 706, RULES OF ) **JUSTICE SUPPORTING THE**  
PROCEDURE FOR THE JUVENILE ) **PETITION**  
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The Arizona Commission on Access to Justice is charged with considering and recommending innovative ways to promote access to justice for individuals who cannot afford legal counsel or who choose to represent themselves in civil cases. Established in 2014, the Commission evaluates best practices, identifies possible changes in court rules or practices to reduce barriers to access, identifies and encourages the adoption of best practices among legal service providers, and considers potential long-term funding options.

Following a presentation at the April 10, 2025, Commission meeting, a motion was made and seconded that the Commission support Rule Change Petition

R-24-0055. After discussion by members of the Commission, that motion passed. This Comment is a result of that formal Commission action and is intended to reflect the Commission's support for the changes requested in the Petition.

This Petition creates a rules process (contemplated as Juvenile Rules 701-706) to implement Arizona Revised Statutes Section 8-272, which contains many substantive and procedural rights of juveniles, including treatment. The proposed rules clarify the time frames, processes and standards. It ensures access to justice for a particularly vulnerable population.

For these reasons, the Commission supports the adoption of the proposed amendments requested in Petition No. R-24-0055.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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