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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:) Supreme Court No. R-24-0058
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PETITION TO AMEND RULE) **COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA**
31.3(d)(5), ARIZONA RULES OF) **COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO**
SUPREME COURT) **JUSTICE SUPPORTING THE**
_____) **PETITION**

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 No. R-24-0058. After discussion by members of the Commission, that motion

