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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of)	Supreme Court No. R-25-0007
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PETITION TO AMEND RULE 4.2(h),)	COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA
ARIZONA RULES OF CIVIL)	COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO
APPELLATE PROCEDURE)	JUSTICE SUPPORTING THE
OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE,)	PETITION
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AMEND APPENDIX FORM 5)	
ARIZONA RULES OF CIVIL)	
APPELLATE PROCEDURE)	
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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 No. R-25-0007. 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 of the changes requested in the Petition.

This Petition seeks to amend Rule 4.2(h) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure and to delete or amend Form 5 of those Rules. Rule 4.2(h) and Form 5 allow self-represented parties to consent to receiving appellate court documents electronically. The Petition seeks (1) to delete Form 5 and to allow the court to designate its own form or (2) to simplify the readability of Form 5. Because Form 5 is written in legalese, simplifying it would benefit self-represented litigants. This change would increase access to justice by making it easier for self-represented litigants to receive documents and understand the acknowledgment to do so.

For these reasons, the Commission supports the adoption of the proposed amendments requested in Petition No. R-25-0007.

DATED this 30th day of April 2025.

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