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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

	) Supreme Court No. R-25-0011
In the Matter of Petition to Amend Rule	)
50, Arizona Rules of Family Law	) COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA
Procedure	) COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO
	) 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-25-0011. 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 50 and require a judicial officer to allocate a presumptive minimum of 12 hours to a complex family law case. This Petition presents an access to justice issue in terms of allowing adequate time for presentation of the case. Though judicial officers can manage their calendars and determine on a case-by-case basis whether more time is necessary, the current rule may seem limiting when more time is needed. Because allowing adequate time for trials is an access to justice issue, the Commission supports the change.

For these reasons, the Commission supports the adoption of the proposed amendments requested in Petition No. R-25-0011.

DATED this 30th day of April 2025.

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