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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the matter of:	) Supreme Court No. R-25-0013
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	) COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA
Petition to Amend Ariz. R. Crim. P.	) COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO
31.10 and Ariz. R. Civ. App. P. 13	) JUSTICE SUPPORTING THE
	) 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

No. R-25-0013. 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.

The Petition seeks to amend Arizona Rule of Criminal Procedure 31.10 and Arizona Rule of Civil Appellate Procedure 13 to expressly permit parties to include visual aids in their briefs. Though the Commission supports the Petition, it stresses that the information contained within such visual aids must be part of the record, if included in an appellate brief, or any applicable rule that would allow for its consideration. Allowing visual aids would increase access to justice by allowing litigants to present information (sometimes complicated information) about their cases in more condensed and easier-to-read formats.

For these reasons, the Commission supports the adoption of the proposed amendments requested in Petition No. R-25-0013.

DATED this 30th day of April 2025.

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