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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:) Supreme Court No. R-25-0028
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PETITION TO AMEND RULES 47(a)) **COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA**
AND 47.2(a) OF THE ARIZONA) **COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO**
RULES OF FAMILY LAW) **JUSTICE SUPPORTING THE**
PROCEDURE) **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-25-0028. 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 seeks to amend Rule 47 and 47.2 of the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure. The rules currently allow a party to file for third party placement or visitation, but do not allow a party who files for third party placement or visitation to request temporary orders. This lack of authority places the child at risk of Department of Child Safety involvement and foster care placement. The Commission supports this Petition as it is a commonsense amendment that protects court involved children, thereby increasing access to justice.

For these reasons, the Commission supports the adoption of the proposed amendments requested in Petition No. R-25-0028.

DATED this 30th day of April 2025.

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