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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of	) Supreme Court No. R-25-0031
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PETITION TO AMEND RULE 122,	) COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT	) COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO
	) 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-25-0031. After discussion by members of the Commission, that motion passed

unanimously. 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 the rules regarding audio recording and livestreaming during court proceedings. The amendment clarifies that a person must seek permission from the court before disseminating recordings of the proceedings. Because recordings could have a chilling effect for those in court, this amendment ensures that protections are provided before such a recording can be disseminated. Such concerns are especially compelling in family and juvenile cases where the recording could be used to alienate children or family members. Clarifying that recordings require the court's permission and allowing parties to object to the recording would reduce that chilling effect.

For these reasons, the Commission supports the adoption of the proposed amendments requested in Petition No. R-25-0031.

DATED this 30th day of April 2025.

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