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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:) Supreme Court No. R-25-0032
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PETITION TO AMEND RULES 4) **COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA**
AND 55(a) OF THE ARIZONA) **COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO**
RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE) **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-25-0032. 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 the civil rules regarding default judgments by clarifying how the default process works. The amendments require an application for default to include a notice to the other party about the time that is available to cure the default, and the requesting party must make a good faith effort to provide the application to the other party. An important aspect of access to justice is ensuring that cases are heard on the merits and not decided based on technicalities, like missing a deadline.

For these reasons, the Commission supports the adoption of the proposed amendments requested in Petition No. R-25-0032.

DATED this 30th day of April 2025.

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