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7 **IN THE SUPREME COURT**
8 **STATE OF ARIZONA**

9 In the Matter of:

10 **PETITION TO AMEND RULE**
11 **32.16 OF THE ARIZONA RULES**
12 **OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

Supreme Court No. R-25-0014

STATE BAR OF ARIZONA
COMMENT

13 Pursuant to Rule 28(e) of the Arizona Rules of Supreme Court, the State Bar
14 of Arizona (the “State Bar”) hereby submits the following as its Comment to the
15 above-captioned Petition.

16 After review by the State Bar’s Criminal Practice and Procedure Committee,
17 the State Bar supports the Petition as written. As the Petition illustrates, it would
18 affect procedural changes to the length and timeline of reply briefs in Capital PCRs.
19 The State Bar believes these changes appropriately reflect the weight of these
20 proceedings. Furthermore, the State Bar believes that if this Court adopts the changes
21 outlined in this Petition, Petition R-25-0009 would become moot because all the
22 changes proposed in that Petition are also proposed in the current Petition. The State
23 Bar recommends that this Court adopt the changes proposed in this Petition, instead
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1 of Petition R-25-0009, because the proposed amendments set forth in this Petition
2 are more comprehensive.

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4 **CONCLUSION**

5 The State Bar of Arizona respectfully requests that the proposed rule changes
6 set forth in R-25-0014 be adopted.

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9 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of May 2025.

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14 Electronic copy filed with the
15 Clerk of the Supreme Court of Arizona
16 this 1st day of May 2025.

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