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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the matter of:	) Supreme Court No. R-25-0029
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PETITION TO AMEND RULE 42	) COMMENTS OF THE ARIZONA
(ER's 1.16 AND 3.3), RULES OF	) COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO
THE SUPREME COURT	) 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-25-0029. 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 ethical rules for lawyers and provides guidance on situations where an attorney believes that evidence has been altered or generated with an intent to deceive the court. Though ethical rules themselves do not always implicate access to justice issues, this petition is important to ensure integrity in the judicial system without which litigants may be reluctant to bring claims to court or have faith that they will be treated fairly.

For these reasons, the Commission supports the adoption of the proposed amendments requested in Petition No. R-25-0029.

DATED this 30th day of April 2025.

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