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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:

Petition to Amend Ariz. R. Crim. P.
32.16(a)(1), (a)(2), (f)(1)(A), (f)(2), and
(f)(3).

R-25-0014

**Comment of Arizona Attorneys for
Criminal Justice regarding Petition
to Amend Arizona Rules of Criminal
Procedure 32.16(a)(1), (a)(2),
(f)(1)(A), (f)(2), and (f)(3)**

Pursuant to Rule 28 of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice (“AACJ”) hereby submits the following comment on the Petition to amend various provisions in Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.16.

AACJ, the Arizona state affiliate of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, was founded in 1986 in order to give a voice to the rights of the criminally accused and to those attorneys who defend the accused. AACJ is a statewide not-for-profit membership organization of criminal defense lawyers, law students, and associated professionals dedicated to protecting the rights of the

accused in the courts and in the legislature, promoting excellence in the practice of criminal law through education, training and mutual assistance, and fostering public awareness of citizens' rights, the criminal justice system, and the role of the defense lawyer.

AACJ supports all parts of the Petition. In every other aspect of criminal appellate practice, the word limits and time limits for capital cases are double the length as those in non-capital cases. There is no reason why capital and non-capital cases would be treated differently only in petitions for review from a denial of post-conviction relief, and then only in some but not other aspects. Instead, the differences are the product of past oversights that can now be corrected.

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