

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of	)	Arizona Supreme Court
	)	No. R-24-0060
RULES 22 AND 77, RULES OF FAMILY	)	
LAW PROCEDURE	)	FILED 8/28/2025
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**ORDER AMENDING RULES 22 AND 77 OF
THE RULES OF FAMILY LAW PROCEDURE**

On December 20, 2024, the Committee on Family Court (the "COFC") filed a petition proposing an amendment to Rule 77 and adoption of new Rules 77.1 and 77.2 of the Rules of Family Law Procedure. On March 7, 2025, the COFC filed a motion to amend the petition (the "amended petition"), which instead proposed amendments to Rules 22 and 77 of the Rules of Family Law Procedure. On March 21, 2025, this Court granted the COFC's motion to amend its petition. Having considered the amended petition, comments the Court has received, and the Committee's reply,

IT IS ORDERED that Rules 22 and 77 of the Rules of Family Law Procedure are amended in accordance with the attachment to this order, effective January 1, 2026.

DATED this 26th day of August, 2025.

/s/
ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice

TO:

Rule 28 Distribution

Hon D Gregory Sakall

Hon Samuel A Thumma

ATTACHMENT¹

RULES OF FAMILY LAW PROCEDURE

Rule 22. Conduct of Proceedings

~~(a) Time Limits.~~ The court may impose reasonable time limits appropriate to the proceedings. A party may request additional time.

~~(b) Decorum.~~ All participants must conduct themselves in an orderly, courteous, and dignified manner. Parties must address their arguments and remarks to the court and not to the other parties or their counsel.

~~(c) Examining a Witness.~~ Unless allowed by the court, only one attorney for each party may examine a witness.

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Rule 77. Trials Setting; Conduct of Proceedings; Procedures for Evidentiary Hearings and Trials

(a)-(b) [No change]

(c) Conduct of Proceedings. In all court proceedings,

(1) Time Limits. The court may impose reasonable time limits appropriate to the proceedings. A party may request additional time.

(2) Decorum. All participants must conduct themselves in an orderly, courteous, and dignified manner. Parties must address their arguments and remarks to the court and not to the other parties or their counsel.

(3) Examining a Witness. Unless allowed by the court, only one attorney for each party may examine a witness.

(d) Procedures for Trials and Evidentiary Hearings.

(1) Procedures Applicable to All Trials and Evidentiary Hearings. The court should adopt procedures for trials and evidentiary hearings as necessary or appropriate to facilitate a just, speedy, and efficient resolution of the action, including but not limited to imposing reasonable time limits and allocating trial time between the parties. In all trials and evidentiary hearings, the court must ensure that all parties and counsel, if any, have an opportunity to be heard; to present evidence; and to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

(2) Additional Procedures Applicable to Trials and Evidentiary Hearings with a Self-Represented Party. In addition to the procedures of Rule 77(d)(1) and absent a

¹ Additions to the text of the rule are shown by underscoring and deletions are shown by ~~strike-through~~.

request otherwise before testimony begins, the court will conduct the direct examination of a self-represented party on the issues raised by the parties' pleadings, pretrial statements, and notices of issues. The court must allow a self-represented party to, within that party's allotted trial time, (1) testify about relevant information not addressed by the court's direct examination; (2) conduct their own direct examination upon request; and (3) cross-examine any other parties and their witnesses.

(3) *Additional Procedures Applicable to IV-D Child Support Hearings.* In addition to the procedures of Rule 77(d)(1), the court may examine a witness.