

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of	)	Arizona Supreme Court
	)	No. R-25-0023
RULE 8 (d) (1), RULES OF CIVIL	)	
PROCEDURE	)	
	)	FILED 08/28/2025
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**ORDER AMENDING RULE 8.1(d) OF
THE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

A petition having been filed proposing to amend Rule 8.1(d) of the Rules of Civil Procedure and no comments having been received, upon consideration,

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 8.1(d) of the Rules of Civil Procedure is 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

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TO:

Rule 28 Distribution

Lisa M Panahi

ATTACHMENT¹

RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Rule 8.1. Assignment and Management of Commercial Cases

(a)–(c) [No change]

(d) **Assignment of Cases to the Commercial Court.**

(1) *Request.* A party to an eligible commercial case may request assignment of the case to the commercial court.

(2) *By Plaintiff in a Case Commenced in a County that has Established a Commercial Court.* A plaintiff seeking assignment of an eligible case to the commercial court must do so at the time of filing the complaint by (A) including in the initial complaint's caption the words “commercial court assignment requested,” and (B) if the complaint is not electronically filed, completing a civil cover sheet that indicates the action is an eligible commercial case.

(3) *By Other Parties in a Case Commenced in a County that has Established a Commercial Court.* If a plaintiff has not sought assignment to the commercial court, another party, within 20 days after that party's appearance, may file a separate notice stating that the case is eligible for, and requesting assignment of the case to, the commercial court.

(4) *By Parties in a Case Commenced in a County that has not Established a Commercial Court.* In a case that has been transferred to a county that has established a commercial court from a county that has not established a commercial court, any party may file a separate notice stating that the case is eligible for, and requesting assignment of the case to, the commercial court. The notice must be filed no later than 20 days after the clerk's issuance of a notice of assignment of a judicial officer to the case.

(54) *Assignment.* Upon the filing of a complaint by a plaintiff requesting assignment to the commercial court under (d)(2), ~~or the filing by another party of a Notice Requesting Assignment to the Commercial Court under (d)(3), or the filing by a party of a Notice Requesting Assignment to the Commercial Court under (d)(4),~~ the case will be assigned to the commercial court.

(65) [No change in text]

(76) [No change in text]

(87) [No change in text]

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

(98) [No change in text]

(e)-(g) [No change]