

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of ) Arizona Supreme Court  
 ) No. R-25-0030  
RULES 36, 315 AND 901, RULES OF )  
PROTECTIVE ORDER, RULE OF ) **FILED 8/28/2025**  
PROCEDURE FOR JUVENILE COURT, )  
RULE OF EVIDENCE )  
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**ORDER AMENDING RULE 36 OF THE RULES OF PROTECTIVE ORDER  
PROCEDURE AND RULE 315 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE  
JUVENILE COURT**

A petition having been filed proposing to amend Rule 36 of the Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure, Rule 315 of the Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court, and Rule 901 of the Arizona Rules of Evidence, and comments having been received, upon consideration,

**IT IS ORDERED** that Rule 36 of the Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure and Rule 315 of the Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court are amended in accordance with the attachment to this order, effective January 1, 2026.

DATED this 27th day of August, 2025.

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/s/  
ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER  
Chief Justice

TO:

Rule 28 Distribution  
Hon Robert Brutinel  
Elsa Robbins  
Hon Samuel A Thumma  
Lisa M Panahi  
Rosemarie Pena-Lynch  
Steve B Koestner  
Sherri McGuire Lawson  
Gary M Kula  
Shannon L Burns  
Lina G Garcia

## ATTACHMENT<sup>1</sup>

### ARIZONA RULES OF PROTECTIVE ORDER PROCEDURE

#### Rule 36. Admissible Evidence

(a) – (b) [No change]

(c) **Sanctions.** The court may impose sanctions, which may include granting a continuance, awarding monetary expenses including attorney fees, or dismissing an action, if the court finds that a party or attorney submits evidence that has been materially altered or generated with the intent to deceive the court.

#### COMMENT

[No change]

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### RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE JUVENILE COURT

#### Rule 315. Disclosure and Discovery

(a) – (f) [No change]

(g) **Sanctions.** Upon a party's motion or on its own, the court may impose sanctions on a party who fails to disclose information in a timely manner. The court may also impose sanctions on a party who submits evidence that has been materially altered or generated with the intent to deceive the court. Sanctions may include granting a continuance, precluding evidence, directing that designated facts be taken as established for purposes of the action, prohibiting the disobedient party from supporting or opposing designated arguments or from introducing designated matters in evidence, striking pleadings in whole or in part, staying further proceedings until the order is obeyed, dismissing the action or proceeding in whole or in part unless dismissal would negatively bear on the child's best interest, scheduling a proceeding to treat the violation as contempt of court, or entering any order the court deems appropriate. Any sanction should accord with the intent of these rules as set forth in Rule 301 and should not exclude competent and potentially significant evidence that bears on the child's best interests.

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<sup>1</sup> Additions to the text of a rule are shown by underscoring and deletions are shown by ~~strike through~~.