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ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

In the matter of:	)	
	)	
PETITION TO AMEND RULE 43(b) OF	)	Supreme Court No. 26-_____
THE RULES OF PROTECTIVE ORDER	)	(expedited consideration
PROCEDURE	)	and emergency adoption
	)	requested)
_____	)	

Pursuant to Rule 28 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, David K. Byers, Administrative Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, respectfully petitions this Court to amend Rule 43, Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure (ARPOP) (“order for lifetime no-contact injunction”), as proposed in Appendix A. The proposed amendments are prompted by the enactment of [Senate Bill \(SB\) 1211](#), Aggravated Harassment; Lifetime Injunctions, during the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislature, as more particularly described below.

SB 1211 has a general effective date and is expected to become effective in early Fall 2026. Accordingly, Petitioner seeks expedited consideration of this petition and emergency adoption of the proposed amendments to Rule 43(b),

ARPOP, with an effective date that coincides with the general effective date of legislation from the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislature.

I. Purpose of the Proposed Rule Amendments

SB 1211, Aggravated Harassment; Lifetime Injunctions (Laws 2026, Ch. 8)

A.R.S. § 13-719 allows a victim in a case to obtain a lifetime no-contact injunction against a defendant convicted of an offense listed in A.R.S. § 13-719(A). SB 1211 adds to the list of qualifying offenses in A.R.S. § 13-719(A) “a felony offense as set forth in section 13-2921.01 involving domestic violence as defined in section 13-3601.”

Rule 43(b), ARPOP (“qualifying convictions”), tracks A.R.S. § 13-719(A) and lists the offenses set out in A.R.S. § 13-719(A). Therefore, Petitioner proposes amending Rule 43(b) to include the offenses added to A.R.S. § 13-719(A) by SB 1211, by adding the following verbiage to Rule 43(b) as a new subsection (6): “a felony offense as set forth in A.R.S. § 13-2921.01 involving domestic violence as defined in A.R.S. § 13-3601.”

II. Preliminary Comments

This petition has not been sent to the court community for pre-filing comments because of its technical nature and due to the short period of time since the enactment of the new statutory provisions.

III. Similar Petitions Filed in Last Five Years

Rule 43, ARPOP, was initially adopted in 2022 by Rule Petition No. [R-22-0039](#) and subsequently amended by Rule Petition Nos. [R-24-0031](#), [R-24-0044](#), and [R-25-0042](#).

IV. Request for Expedited Consideration and Emergency Adoption

SB 1211 is expected to become effective in early Fall 2026. Therefore, as permitted by Supreme Court Rule 28(h), Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court expedite its consideration of this petition for inclusion on the August 2026 Rules Agenda, consider adoption of the proposed amendments as set forth in Appendix A on an emergency basis at that Agenda with an effective date that coincides with the general effective date of legislation from the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislature, open the petition for comment, and consider adopting the proposed amendments on a permanent basis at this Court's December 2026 Rules Agenda.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of April, 2026.

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APPENDIX A

Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure

(deletions shown with ~~striketrough~~, new language is underlined)

Rule 43. Order for Lifetime No-Contact Injunction

(a) [No change]

(b) **Qualifying Convictions.** A qualifying conviction for an Order for Lifetime No-Contact Injunction issued under this rule is a conviction of any of the following offenses, whether completed or preparatory and irrespective of a misdemeanor designation under A.R.S. § 13-604, unless the conviction has been dismissed, expunged, or overturned, or the defendant has been pardoned:

(1) through (3) [No change]

(4) a felony offense as set forth in A.R.S. § 13-1204(B); ~~or~~

(5) a felony offense as set forth in A.R.S. § 13-2923; or

(6) a felony offense as set forth in A.R.S. § 13-2921.01 involving domestic violence as defined in A.R.S. § 13-3601.

(c) through (k) [No change]