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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of

Petition to Amend Rule 41, Rules of the
Supreme Court.

Arizona Supreme Court No. R-25-0058

Comment of the Attorney Regulation
Advisory Committee

**COMMENT IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO AMEND
ARIZONA SUPREME COURT RULE 41**

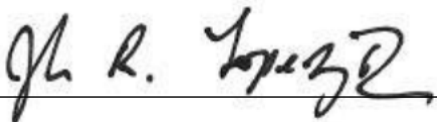
The Arizona Supreme Court’s Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee (“ARC”) opposes the petition to amend Arizona Supreme Court Rule 41, which seeks to add new duties and obligations for members of the State Bar.

During its regular meeting on March 17, 2026, ARC reviewed and discussed this Petition. The Committee acknowledges the Petition’s laudatory stated objectives of emphasizing the rule of law, democratic governance, and the administration of justice. However, Rule 41 and the Oath of Admission already impose clear and specific duties on attorneys. The current responsibilities include upholding the constitutions and laws of both the United States and Arizona. Attorneys also currently swear or affirm to show respect for the courts and judges, to follow the Rules of Professional Conduct, to foster professionalism, and to ensure justice is served fairly.

The proposed amendments introduce new obligations to “promote the rule of law and democracy” and to “comply with court orders.” The current rules and court authority already require complying with court orders. The obligation to “promote the rule of law and democracy,” however, is broader and more abstract. This proposed mandate lacks a defined scope. Further, it does not articulate objective standards for compliance. Not having clear limits can lead to confusion, overlapping responsibilities, and uncertainty about how things should be interpreted or applied. While the Committee appreciates the good intentions behind the Petition, it must oppose the suggested changes for the reasons stated.

Accordingly, by a vote of 13-2-0-0-2 the Committee directed the submission of this comment in opposition and urges the Arizona Supreme Court to oppose the petition to amend Arizona Supreme Court Rule 41 as submitted by Dianne Post.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 27th day of April, 2026.



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