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**IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:

**PETITION TO AMEND RULES  
17.1 AND 41, FORM 28 OF THE  
ARIZONA RULES OF CRIMINAL  
PROCEDURE**

Supreme Court No. R-25-0050

**STATE BAR OF ARIZONA  
COMMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 28(e) of the Arizona Rules of Supreme Court, the State Bar of Arizona (the “State Bar”) hereby submits the following as its comment to the above-captioned Petition.

The State Bar generally supports the recommended amendments regarding remote plea proceedings. However, the State Bar believes that in cases involving a victim, that the victim should automatically be afforded the same opportunity to attend remotely in any plea proceeding where the defendant is permitted to appear remotely.

The State Bar therefore recommends that subsection (v) of 17.1 be modified as follows:

