

In the Matter of) Arizona Supreme Court
) No. R-26-0043
RULES 3.2, 4.2, 14.4, 27.7, 27.10,)
29.8, 36.1, 41, FORMS 6 AND 21,)
AND ADOPT RULE 2.8, RULES OF)
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE)
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) **FILED:07/15/2026**

On July 15, 2026, David K. Byers, Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, filed a rule petition to adopt a new Rule 2.8 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure and to amend various rules and forms in that same set of rules. The petition's main intent is to conform the existing rules to recently enacted statutes from the last legislative session.

To ensure that the Court considers and acts on the proposed amendments before the recent legislation goes into effect on September 12, 2026, Petitioner further requests that the petition be given expedited consideration under Rule 28(h)(1), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, and that the amendments it proposes be adopted on an emergency basis under Rule 28(h)(2) of the same rules.

Upon consideration,

IT IS ORDERED granting the request to consider this petition on an expedited basis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that during its August 2026 Rules Agenda, the Court will consider whether to adopt on an emergency basis the proposed new Rule 2.8 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure and the other proposed amendments to the rules and forms in that set of rules. If it does, the Court will consider whether to adopt the rule amendments on a permanent basis during its December 2026 Rules Agenda. If it decides not to adopt the proposed rule amendments on an emergency basis, the Court will decide whether to adopt them on a non-emergency basis during its December 2026 Rules Agenda.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this petition is opened for public comment under Rule 28(c), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, with all comments due no later than October 1, 2026, and any reply due no later than October 15, 2026.

The petition may be viewed by going to: <http://www.azcourts.gov/Rules-Forum>. This opens the "Welcome" page. Petitions are posted under the appropriate body of rules. For example, the "Rules of Criminal Procedure" can be found by scrolling down the page.

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Any person filing a comment must send a copy of the comment to the Petitioner electronically or by ordinary mail.

DATED this 15th day of July, 2026.

/s/
ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice

TO:

Rule 28 Distribution
David K Byers