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IN THE ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

In the Matter of)	Supreme Court No. R-12-0017
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PETITION TO AMEND RULE 123 OF)	COMMENT TO PROPOSED
THE ARIZONA RULES OF THE)	RULES RELATED TO POSTING
SUPREME COURT)	PROBATE RECORDS ONLINE
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The Arizona Association of Superior Court Clerks (AASCC) submits the following comments in support of the petition to amend Rule 123 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Currently only the Clerk of the Superior Court for Maricopa County has posted public records online in probate cases and those records were limited to minute entries. Arizona is a transitory state and a state of preference for retirees. Individuals and their families may move out of Arizona or visit infrequently, while Arizona remains the venue for an underlying court action. A direct result of Arizona's attractiveness is that parties, relatives and concerned others from around the country and around the world desire access to court records. While the docket online provides limited information regarding the title of a document and the date it was filed or an action was taken, access to actual minute entry documents allows individuals to track the status and outcomes of cases important to them. This access is particularly helpful for trustees, executors and relatives who need to take timely action following a court's order.

