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8 **IN THE SUPREME COURT**
9 **STATE OF ARIZONA**

10 PETITION TO AMEND ER 1.15,
11 ARIZONA RULES OF
12 PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
13 (RULE 42, ARIZONA RULES OF
14 THE SUPREME COURT)

Supreme Court No. R- 11-0024

**Request of the State Bar of Arizona
to Extend Comment Period on
Petition to Amend ER 1.15, Arizona
Rules of Professional Conduct**

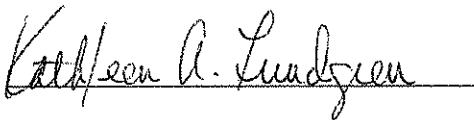
15 The petition seeks to amend the comments to Ethical Rule 1.15 in order to
16 permit lawyers holding funds that are the subject of competing claims to release
17 those funds to their clients after providing notice to claimants and waiting thirty
18 days for the claimants to institute litigation.

19 The State Bar is currently working with its members and other stakeholders
20 to evaluate possible rule changes that would address the concerns raised by the
21 petition. However, given the complexity of the issues and the need to carefully
22 consider any change to the text of the rule, the State Bar respectfully requests that
23 the Court extend the comment period in order to permit additional time for the Bar
24 and others to develop language and submit it for consideration, and to allow
25 petitioner and others to comment on the Bar's proposal. The State Bar believes that
26 an extension of sixty days would be sufficient for this purpose.
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1 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2ND day of May, 2012.

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8 Electronic copy filed with the Clerk
9 of the Supreme Court of Arizona this
10 2ND day of May, 2012.

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