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6 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

7 IN THE MATTER OF:

R-12-0018

8 PETITION TO AMEND COMMENT [3] TO  
9 ER 8.4, RULE 42, ARIZONA RULES OF  
THE SUPREME COURT

MARICOPA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S  
RESPONSE TO PETITION TO AMEND  
COMMENT [3] TO ER 8.4, RULE 42,  
ARIZONA RULES OF THE SUPREME  
COURT

10 The Maricopa County Attorney hereby submits this comment in support of the Petition to  
11 Amend Comment [3] to ER 8.4, Rule 42, Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court.

12 Respectfully submitted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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1 Preamble call for lawyers to “conduct themselves honorably,” guidance for attorneys in how they  
2 should conduct themselves in the course of performing their duties should be clear in order to  
3 permit our self-regulating profession to exercise its responsibility to hold lawyers accountable for  
4 violating standards of conduct. A change that removes parsing of the population and that instead  
5 focuses on objective standards of behavior ought to be preferred as a method of regulating standards  
6 of conduct.

7 For these reasons, the Maricopa County Attorney supports the changes sought in the Petition  
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