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6 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

7 IN THE MATTER OF:

R-11-0043

8 PETITION TO AMEND ARIZONA RULES  
9 OF PROTECTIVE ORDER PROCEDURE  
BY AMENDING RULE 1(M)

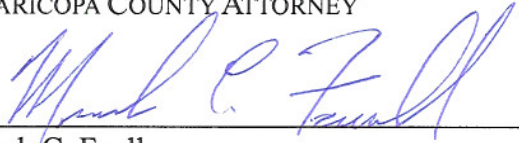
MARICOPA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF  
PETITION TO AMEND ARIZONA RULES OF  
PROTECTIVE ORDER PROCEDURE BY  
AMENDING RULE 1(M)

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11 The Maricopa County Attorney hereby comments in support of the Petition filed by the  
12 State Bar to require that plaintiffs who have sought protective orders be promptly notified when the  
orders are served.

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

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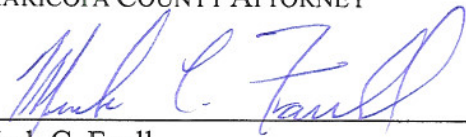
  
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1 The Maricopa County Attorney's Office supports the State Bar's Petition to amend the  
2 above-referenced rule. Arizona law currently does not provide a mechanism for plaintiffs to be  
3 notified once a protective order has been served. Domestic violence victims are especially  
4 vulnerable and may be waiting for this information to make decisions related to their personal  
5 safety. As the Petition states, giving the plaintiff notice of service would also expedite the  
6 investigation of future violations, as the plaintiff would have that information readily available to  
7 share with law enforcement. For these reasons, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office supports  
8 Supreme Court Rule Petition 11-0043 (as amended to include electronic delivery of notice).

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