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6 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

7 IN THE MATTER OF:

R-12-0013

8 PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF
9 AMENDMENTS TO THE ARIZONA
RULES OF PROTECTIVE ORDER
PROCEDURE AND THE ARIZONA RULES
10 OF FAMILY LAW PROCEDURE

MARICOPA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF
AMENDMENTS TO THE ARIZONA RULES
OF PROTECTIVE ORDER PROCEDURE
AND THE ARIZONA RULES OF FAMILY
LAW PROCEDURE

11 The Maricopa County Attorney hereby comments to the Petition filed by the Committee on
12 the Impact of Domestic Violence and the Courts for Adoption of Amendments to the Arizona Rules
of Protective Order Procedure and the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure.

13 Respectfully submitted this 18th day of May, 2012.

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1 The Maricopa County Attorney's Office supports the Petition of the Committee on the
2 Impact of Domestic Violence and the Courts to amend the above-referenced rules. During the
3 time between when an order of protection is requested and when it is served, a domestic violence
4 situation is often at its most volatile, with victims being especially vulnerable to abuse and/or
5 harassment. Offenders may not yet know that a victim has obtained an order of protection and may
6 seek public information databases for that information. Public disclosure of this information prior
7 to service of the order may compromise the victim's safety or assist the defendant in avoiding
8 service, as the Petition explains. For these reasons, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office supports
9 Supreme Court Rule Petition 12-0013.

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