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7 **IN THE ARIZONA SUPREME COURT**

8 PETITION TO AMEND COMMENT 4
9 TO ETHICAL RULE 1.15

Supreme Court No. R-11-0024

**Request for Clarification and
Expedited Ruling**


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11 On May 21, 2012, the State Bar of Arizona filed a comment in this matter
12 that more accurately should have been designated as a request to continue. The
13 “comment” requested that this rule-change petition be held over – with petitioners’
14 consent - to the 2013 rules cycle to allow the State Bar President to appoint a task
15 force that would consider this important issue.

16 The State Bar submitted the “comment” several weeks after it filed a request
17 for extension. The Court has ruled on that original request for extension, extending
18 the comment period to July 20, 2012, and setting a reply date of August 7, 2012.

19 In light of the State Bar’s request to continue this matter to the 2013 rules
20 cycle and to prevent the new deadlines from causing any confusion among
21 members, the State Bar requests that the Court treat its inaptly named “comment”
22 as a request to continue this petition. It also requests an expedited ruling on the
23 request to continue. Both of these actions will allow the State Bar’s task force,
24 which has been appointed and will begin meeting on July 11, 2012, to proceed
25 knowing that it has the time to study the important issue as presented by the
26 petition.

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