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6 **IN THE SUPREME COURT**
STATE OF ARIZONA

7 PETITION TO AMEND RULE 38,
8 ARIZONA RULES OF THE SUPREME
9 COURT

Supreme Court No. R-12-0028

10 **State Bar of Arizona's reply to**
comment filed by the Association of
Corporate Counsel and its Arizona
Chapter

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12 The State Bar of Arizona agrees with the general premise of the comment filed by
13 the Association of Corporate Counsel and its Arizona Chapter that registered in-house
14 counsel constitute a talented pro bono resource that should be tapped, to the extent
15 possible, to increase low- or no-cost legal services for the indigent and working poor.

16 The comment, however, raises the far broader issue of allowing registered in-
17 house counsel to provide direct legal services to clients other than their employer.

18 By definition, registered in-house counsel are lawyers who are not members of
19 the State Bar but who are allowed to practice in this state because they are employed as
20 in-house counsel. Rule 38(h)(1)(2), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. In general, they are not allowed to
21 provide legal services to anyone other than their employer. Rule 38(h)(9), Ariz. R. Sup.
22 Ct.

23 Rule-change petition R-12-0028 proposed modest steps to make it easier for in-
24 house counsel to provide pro bono services within the existing framework of rules. That
25 existing framework allows registered in-house counsel to volunteer their legal services

