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8 **IN THE SUPREME COURT**
9 **STATE OF ARIZONA**

10 PETITION TO AMEND RULE 74,
11 ARIZONA RULES OF FAMILY LAW
12 PROCEDURE

Supreme Court No. R-

**Petition to Amend Rule 74, Arizona
Rules of Family Law Procedure**

13 Pursuant to Rule 28 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, the State Bar
14 of Arizona hereby petitions this Court to amend Rule 74, Arizona Rules of Family
15 Law Procedure.

16 Parenting coordinators provide a useful function for family court litigants
17 embroiled in routine, post-decree or interim disputes concerning their children. By
18 resorting to a parenting coordinator, parents can avoid the significant expense and
19 delay associated with legal filings and evidentiary hearings. Family Law Rule 74(E)
20 defines the powers and scope of appointment of these coordinators. It also (non-
21 exclusively) lists examples of 'day-to-day issues experienced by the parties.' The
22 proposed amendment (see attached) simply adds 'choice of schools' to this offering,
23 as school enrollment constitutes a regular focal point of controversy in family court.

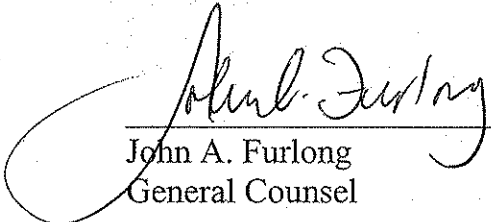
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IN CONCLUSION, the State Bar of Arizona respectfully requests amendment
of ARIZ. R. FAM. L. P. 74(E) as set forth above.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13th day of December,
2013.



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of the Supreme Court of Arizona this
13th day of December, 2013.

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ATTACHMENT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE 74(E)

E. Powers and Scope of Appointment. The court order appointing the Parenting Coordinator shall specify the scope of the appointment. The scope may include assisting with implementation of court orders, making recommendations to the court regarding implementation, clarification, modification, and enforcement of any temporary or permanent custody or parenting time order, and making recommendations on the day-to-day issues experienced by the parties. By way of example only, these issues include disagreements around exchanges, holiday scheduling, discipline, health issues, school and extracurricular activities, choice of schools, and managing problematic behaviors by the parents or child(ren). The Parenting Coordinator shall not have the authority to make a recommendation affecting child support, a change of custody, or a substantial change in parenting time. In the event the Parenting Coordinator determines parenting or family issues or circumstances exist that are significantly detrimental to the welfare of the child(ren) and that a change in custody or a substantial change in parenting time is warranted, the Parenting Coordinator may submit the Parenting Coordinator's concerns in writing to the parties and the court. Counsel are not permitted to attend parenting coordinator meetings unless agreed to by the parties and the parenting coordinator, or ordered by the Court.