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7 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

8 IN THE MATTER OF

R-14-0008

9 PETITION TO ADOPT
10 RULE 23.5, ARIZONA
11 RULES OF CRIMINAL
12 PROCEDURE

ARIZONA PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS'
ADVISORY COUNCIL'S
COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION
TO ADOPT RULE 23.5, ARIZONA RULES
OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

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14 Pursuant to Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, Rule 28(C), the Arizona
15 Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council ("APAAC") hereby submits its comments
16 in support of R-14-0008, Petition to Adopt Rule 23.5, Arizona Rules of Criminal
17 Procedure.
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20 APAAC concurs with the statements in the Petition that while Arizona's legal
21 system has taken steps to protect a juror's privacy, *see e.g.* Rule 18.3, Ariz. R. Crim.
22 P., such steps are no longer adequate given today's modern technology. The adoption
23 of Rule 23.5 will protect our jurors from unwanted contact after a case has concluded
24 while protecting the parties' ability to make court approved and supervised contact if
25 there is good cause to do so.
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1 For these reasons, APAAC asks that this Court adopt proposed Rule 23.5.

2 Respectfully submitted this 19th day of May, 2014.

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