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Via Email Only To (LRud@courts.az.gov):

Supreme Court of Arizona
1501 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-3231

Re: Petition R-13-0044 Rules 67(d) and (f) Cost Bonds

Dear Justices:

My name is Craig J. Simon and I am a partner in the law firm of Simon Law Group, PLLC, 2141 E. Broadway Road, Suite 13, Tempe, Arizona 85282, 480-745-2450, fax number 480-745-2454, email Craig@SimonLawAZ.com. My Arizona State Bar number is 018920. I am a lawyer in good standing with the State Bar of Arizona. I have been licensed to practice law for over thirty (30) years, sixteen (16) of those in Arizona. As an attorney that regularly represents those injured in accidents, I am continually confronted with Rules 67(d) and (f), which imposes arbitrary requirements on certain classes of plaintiff alone, thereby creating an atmosphere of insidious discrimination against “non-property owning” parties at the expense of public confidence in an impartial judicial system.

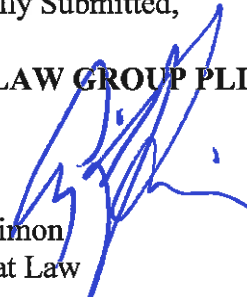
I believe this unfair burden prevents many injured folks from obtaining justice or compensation for their injuries by precluding them from pursuing a civil lawsuit for damages.

Although most veteran lawyers and judges have recognized that the Cost Bond Rules are fundamentally unfair for the past twenty or twenty-five years, the use of this mechanism has become more common since the opinion in *Thiele v. City of Phoenix*, 232 Ariz. 40, 301 P. 3d 206 (App. 2013), Petition for Review denied on January 7, 2014, which overruled constitutional objections made by a pro per litigant. I am asking that this Court eliminate the one-sided discriminatory rule by eliminating the cost bond requirement as set forth in Rules 67(d) and (f).

Respectfully Submitted,

SIMON LAW GROUP PLLC

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Attorney at Law

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Craig J. Simon', is written over the printed name and extends upwards into the 'Respectfully Submitted,' line.

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