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IN THE ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

In the matter of ) Supreme Court R- 06-0009  
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) COMMENT TO PROPOSED RULE  
PETITION TO AMEND RULE 15(A) ) RELATED TO AMENDING THE  
OF THE ARIZONA RULES OF CIVIL ) REQUIREMENTS OF A PARTY  
PROCEDURE ) SEEKING TO AMEND A PLEADING  
) BY MOTION  
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The Arizona Association of Superior Court Clerks (AASCC) submits the following comment on the petition to amend the requirements of a party seeking to amend a pleading by motion:

The AASCC supports the effort to identify where changes have been made in an amended pleading. Maintaining the court record and providing copies of court records is assisted by clearly identified changes in court documents. While the potential for more paper in the court file exists, it is anticipated that the improved tracking offered by clearly identified amendments would outweigh the burden of finding storage space for the paper. In counties that scan the image of paper filings, maintain the resulting image as an electronic original, and thereafter shred the paper, adoption of the proposal is not anticipated to impact paper files, and the storage capacity of the electronic court record would be capable of continuing to perform without impact.

The AASCC supports the business practice proposed in the amendment that would result in a strikeout and addition format of pleadings similar to that long since in use in legislative amendments and in comments to Rule 28 petitions. The AASCC further suggests the proposed change apply to all case types for consistency in practice.

DATED this 18th day of May, 2007.

/s/ Juanita Mann  
Hon. Juanita Mann, President  
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A copy of this comment has been mailed or delivered this 18th day of May, 2007, to:

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