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**IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:

Supreme Court No. R-16-0007

**PETITION TO AMEND RULE 8.4,  
ARIZONA RULES OF CRIMINAL  
PROCEDURE**

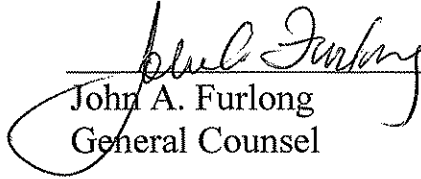
**COMMENT OF  
THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA**

The prosecution and defense subcommittees of the State Bar of Arizona's Criminal Practice & Procedure Committee had divergent views on some aspects of this Petition. The Prosecution Subcommittee proposed that the State Bar support the Petition with the suggestion that it be modified to include an exclusion period of 90 days for complex cases (Appendix 1); the Defense Subcommittee proposed that the State Bar oppose the Petition (Appendix 2).


The State Bar believes it would be beneficial for the Court to have both perspectives on the rule-change Petition. As a result, the State Bar attaches the two

1 differing views to its Comment and takes no position.

2 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.  
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10 Clerk of the Arizona Supreme Court  
11 this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

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