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Procedure for Commissions on Appellate and Trial
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SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

PETITION TO AMEND THE UNIFORM)	
RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR)	Supreme Court No.
COMMISSIONS ON APPELLATE AND)	R-16-_____
TRIAL COURT APPOINTMENTS)	
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Pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Rule 28, the Committee on the Review of the Uniform Rules of Procedure for Commissions on Appellate and Trial Court Appointments (“Rules Committee”) requests this Court to amend the Uniform Rules of Procedure on Appellate and Trial Court Appointments. The proposed amendments concern most of the current rules of procedure; therefore, this petition submits the revisions as a new set of rules as opposed to individual rule amendments. Appendix A contains a clean version of the proposed rule amendments, Appendix B contains a redline version and Appendix C contains a rule by rule description of the proposed amendments.

Administrative Order No. 2016-57 established the Rules Committee in July, 2016 to “...review the Uniform Rules and, as appropriate recommend revisions to clarify or improve the rules, to make the judicial nominating process more effective and efficient for the Commissions and Judicial applicants, and to promote public participation in the process.” Additionally, the Rules Committee was tasked with reviewing the judicial application form required by Rule 7(a). The Rules Committee is chaired by Supreme Court Justice Ann A. Scott Timmer and includes

three current judicial nominating commission attorney members, one former attorney member, two former public members and the Chair of the Commission on Judicial Performance Review.

The Rules Committee held five public meetings to review, discuss and amend the rules of procedure. The proposed rule changes include substantive revisions, simple clarifications, deletions of obsolete rules, and updated language to incorporate the use of previously unavailable online and electronic resources.

The Rules Committee respectfully requests that the Court adopt the proposed amended Uniform Rules of Procedure for Commissions on Appellate and Trial Court Appointments.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of December, 2016 by:

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