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5 **IN THE SUPREME COURT**

6 **STATE OF ARIZONA**

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9 In the Matter of: Supreme Court  
10 No. R-17-0016  
11 PETITION TO AMEND THE RULES  
12 OF PROCEDURE FOR EVICTION ACTIONS  
13 Comment on behalf of Arizona  
14 Commission on Access to Justice

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16 The Arizona Commission on Access to Justice (ACAJ) was established by  
17 Administrative Order 2014-83, pursuant to the Court’s 5-year strategic agenda of  
18 “Advancing Justice Together: Courts and Communities.” The order specifically  
19 directs the ACAJ to make recommendations on assisting self-represented litigants  
20 and revising court rules and practices to facilitate access to justice and the efficient  
21 processing of eviction cases.

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23 In Rule Petition R-17-0016, the Legal Services Committee of the State Bar  
24 of Arizona proposes amending the Rules of Procedure for Eviction Actions to  
25 clarify how to compute time periods identified in the eviction rules. Currently,  
26 eviction matters are the only type of case in justice court that does not have specific

1 direction on how to compute time. These proposed changes address that issue in a  
2 fair and objective fashion, and for the reasons expressed in the Petition, the ACAJ  
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4 supports the Court's adoption of the proposed rule changes.  
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7 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.  
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9 /s/ Lawrence F. Winthrop  
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