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7 **IN THE SUPREME COURT**
8 **STATE OF ARIZONA**

9 In the Matter of:

Supreme Court No. R-18-

10 **PETITION TO AMEND RULE**
11 **32(c)(7), ARIZONA RULES OF**
12 **SUPREME COURT**

PETITION

13 Pursuant to Rule 28, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., the State Bar of Arizona (“State Bar”)
14 respectfully requests that this Court amend Rule 32(c)(7), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.
15 addressing waiver of dues for reasons of personal hardship, as explained in more
16 detail below.
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18 **DISCUSSION**

19 Annual membership fees for active, inactive, retired, and judicial members
20 are established by the State Bar’s Board of Governors subject to the approval of this
21 Court. R. 32(c)(7). The Court, by way of administrative order, establishes both
22 annual membership fees and delinquent compliance fees. *See* Administrative Order
23 No. 2016-52 (establishing current membership fees); Administrative Order No.
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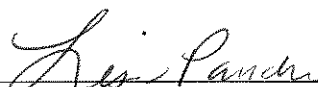
1 2014-89 (establishing delinquency fees).

2 A member may apply for a waiver of dues based on personal hardship. R.
3 32(c)(7). Currently, the Board of Governors is authorized to grant such waivers. The
4 process by which State Bar staff receives, reviews, and makes recommendations to
5 the Board regarding personal hardship waivers is an administrative function, which
6 almost always results in the Board accepting the recommendations made by State
7 Bar staff. In an effort to streamline this process and relieve the Board of this
8 administrative task to focus on more pressing governance matters, the State Bar
9 proposes that the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director be authorized to grant
10 such waivers, with denials of such requests reviewed by the Board. The proposed
11 amended language is set forth in the Appendix attached to this Petition.
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15 **CONCLUSION**

16 For the reasons set forth above, the State Bar of Arizona respectfully requests
17 that this Court modify Rule 32(c)(7) as set forth in the Appendix.
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20 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of January, 2018.
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2 Clerk of the Arizona Supreme Court
3 this 10th day of January, 2018.

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Appendix

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Rule 32. Organization of State Bar of Arizona

(a)-(b) [No change in text.]

(c) Membership.

(1)-(6) [No change in text.]

7. *Membership Fees.* An annual membership fee for active members, inactive members, retired members and judicial members shall be established by the board with the consent of this court and shall be payable on or before February 1 of each year. No annual fee shall be established for, or assessed to, active members who have been admitted to practice in Arizona before January 1, 2009, and have attained the age of 70 before that date. The annual fee shall be waived for members on disability inactive status pursuant to Rule 63. Upon application, the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director ~~Board of Governors~~ may waive the dues of any other member for reasons of personal hardship. Denial of a personal hardship waiver shall be reviewed by the board.

(8)-(12) [No change in text.]