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IN THE SUPREME COURT STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	Supreme Court No. R-18-0005
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PETITION TO AMEND RULE 123,)	COMMENT
RULES OF THE SUPREME)	
COURT OF ARIZONA; RULES 19,)	
47, 75, & 86, RULES OF)	
PROCEDURE FOR THE)	
JUVENILE COURT)	
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David K. Byers, Administrative Director, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), respectfully submits this comment to inform the Court of the position of the AOC and the Committee on Juvenile Courts (COJC) regarding these proposed changes to rules concerning juvenile court records as set forth in Supreme Court No. R-18-0005.

AOC Legal Services staff reviewed the petition and provided comments and proposed edits to the recommended rule changes at the April 19, 2018 meeting of the COJC. The COJC accepted the AOC's recommendations with the caveat that AOC Legal Staff consult with the General Counsel for the Judicial Branch in Maricopa

County (General Counsel), and the Special Counsel and Public Information Officer (Special Counsel), Clerk of Superior Court in Maricopa County, to obtain their response to the proposed edits.

The consultation occurred on May 14, 2018. During that conversation, questions and concerns were raised about the recommended edits that could not be resolved without additional review and input from stakeholders. This prompted the idea to respectfully request an extension of time for this rule to be considered, perhaps at the December 2018 Rules Agenda. We would add to that request the opportunity for the Administrative Director to establish a work group to review the proposed rule, recommend edits, and consider any additional issues relevant to this petition. Along with that request would be the need to establish a deadline for additional Comments before the rule petition is considered. Both General Counsel and Special Counsel agree with this plan and are willing to serve on any work group created. The group should include other stakeholders as well. The Honorable Timothy Ryan, Juvenile Court Presiding Judge, Maricopa County Superior Court and Co- Petitioner in R18-0005 supports this request.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, we respectfully request that consideration of this rule petition be postponed to December 2018, so that a work group may be formed with the goal of agreeing upon language to recommend to the court. We would also

respectfully request a new deadline to provide additional comments prior to the December Agenda.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of May, 2018.

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