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Honorable Clerk of the Arizona Supreme Court
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Re: Rule Comment re Electronic Recording or Court Reporter

Dear Honorable Clerk of the Arizona Supreme Court:

With respect to the Rule 28 petition and proposed changes thereto, I would respectfully request that the requirement that a Court Reporter be present in all civil evidentiary proceedings be included in the proposed changes.

I am a civil litigator, specializing in medical malpractice defense work. To me, it is crucial to have a court reporter transcribe the trials in which I participate. If I am trying a case in a new "E-Courtroom", I always order a court reporter so that I have the ability to have a written transcript of the proceedings.

It is critical for the manner in which I litigate, and many other civil attorneys litigate, to have access to a court reporter and the written transcript. This allows arguments to be made to the jury, both during examination and cross-examination and also during closing arguments, based upon the written transcript that can be shown to the jury.

For these reasons, I would respectfully request that the rule include the requirement that a court reporter be present in all civil evidentiary proceedings.

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Should you have any questions, or should you like to discuss anything about my comments, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

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