

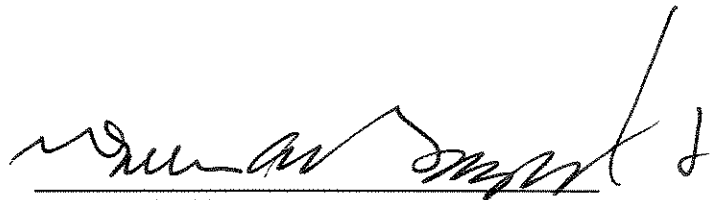


speedy trial deadlines; (2) saving time and costs in transporting prisoners; (3) enhancing courthouse security; (3) reducing risks of injury, damage, and legal liability; (4) reducing personnel costs, improving personnel productivity, and increasing efficiency; and (5) reducing average stays in the county jail. [Comment of Judge Mundell at 3.]

In the 13 months since Judge Mundell submitted her comment, fuel costs have greatly increased, with no prospect for relief in the near future. Even in normal fiscal times, these increases would prompt us to look for ways to economize. Unfortunately, these are *not* normal times. The budgetary problems facing the State of Arizona, and its subdivisions, are the worst in recent memory, and thus the need to conserve our resources is felt more keenly now than ever before.

The proposed amendments to Rule 1.6 would help save money, increase efficiency, and enhance courthouse security – all without impairing a defendant’s constitutional right to participate in his or her case. We urge this Court to adopt Petition R-06-0016.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED on behalf of all Presiding Superior Court Judges in Arizona, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.



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