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

9 In the Matter of:

Supreme Court No. R-20-

10 **PETITION TO AMEND RULE 97**  
11 **OF THE ARIZONA RULES OF**  
12 **FAMILY LAW PROCEDURE**

**PETITION**

13 Pursuant to Rule 28(a) of the Arizona Rules of Supreme Court, the State Bar  
14 of Arizona (the “State Bar”) hereby petitions the Court to amend Rule 97 of the  
15 Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, entitled Family Law Forms, governing  
16 forms for use in family court.

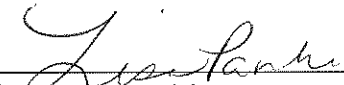
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18 Former Rule 97, Ariz. R. Fam. L. P., was abrogated August 30, 2018, and the  
19 current Rule 97 was instituted in its place, effective January 1, 2019. The current  
20 Rule 97 contains several forms for use in family court that are recommended and  
21 meet the requirements of the Rules. See Rule 97(a), Ariz. R. Fam. L. P. However,  
22 Rule 97 does not contain a “good faith consultation certificate” form, the  
23 requirements of which are listed in Rule 9, Ariz. R. Fam. L. P., “Duties of Parties  
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1 or Counsel.” The Family Law Practice & Procedure Committee of the State Bar of  
2 Arizona has considered the importance of adding such a form and has approved the  
3 language of the proposed amendment in the attached Appendix.  
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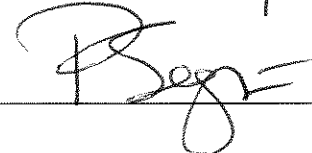
5 **CONCLUSION**

6 The State Bar of Arizona respectfully requests that this Court modify Rule 97  
7 as set forth in the Appendix.  
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10 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

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14 Lisa M. Panahi  
15 General Counsel  
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17 Electronic copy filed with the  
18 Clerk of the Supreme Court of Arizona  
19 this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

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**Appendix**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (unless protected): \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evening Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Representing: [ ] Self [ ] Petitioner [ ] Respondent  
State Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

**GOOD FAITH CONSULTATION  
CERTIFICATE**

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Judge/Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

Pursuant to Rule 9(c) of the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, the \_\_\_ Petitioner  
OR \_\_\_ Respondent submits this Good Faith Consultation Certificate and states either:

(a) [ ] A good-faith attempt to resolve the issue was made with the opposing party,  
or counsel if represented, and the consultation or attempted consultation was  
made in person or by telephone and not merely by letter or email.

OR

(b) [ ] There is a current court order prohibiting contact between the parties and  
neither party is represented by counsel, or a history of domestic violence  
between self-represented parties, so the parties are not required to personally  
meet or contact each other.

**VERIFICATION**

Under penalty of perjury, I state to the Court that the contents of this document are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Filing Document

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

- [ ] I filed the original of the attached document with the Clerk of the Superior Court in the county listed above on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Month      Date      Year
  
- [ ] I mailed or delivered a copy of the attached document to the judicial officer (judge or commissioner) assigned to this case on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Month      Date      Year
  
- [ ] I mailed or delivered a copy of the attached document to the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Arizona (if applicable) on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Month      Date      Year
  
- [ ] I mailed or delivered a copy of the attached document to the opposing party or the opposing party's attorney, if represented by counsel, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Month      Date      Year

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Name of Opposing Party

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Name of Opposing Party's Attorney

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Address of Opposing Party

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Address of Opposing Party's Attorney

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Date

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Signature