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**IN THE ARIZONA SUPREME COURT**

IN THE MATTER OF:  
  
PETITION TO AMEND THE RULES  
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF  
ARIZONA: RULE 24 – JURY  
SELECTION

R-20-0009

MOTION TO WITHDRAW  
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The Central AZ NLG respectfully requests that this Court withdraw this petition so that the Arizona State Bar’s joint working group composed of the Criminal Practice & Procedure Committee, the Civil Practice & Procedure Committee, and other stakeholders may study this proposal, develop a consensus, and submit a petition aimed at reforming Arizona’s *Batson* procedures for this Court’s consideration in August 2021. (*See* Comment of the State Bar of Arizona at 2) (filed May 01, 2020) (discussing intention to form a working group to study the proposal and develop a rule with “broad support”.)

The Central AZ NLG believes that racial and ethnic discrimination needs to be eliminated from our jury selections process immediately, but given this Court's informal practice to not consider petitions which are substantially similar in scope for five years once it has rejected a rule-change petition and the need for stakeholders across our justice systems to study and examine Washington's *Batson* reform, the Central AZ NLG believes that it is appropriate to withdraw this petition.

Respectfully submitted May 19, 2020.

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