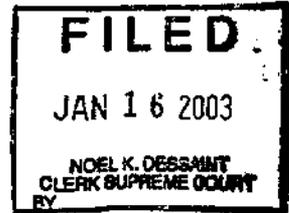


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA



In the Matter of:)
ARIZONA CODE OF JUDICIAL)
ADMINISTRATION §7-208: LEGAL)
DOCUMENT PREPARERS)
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Administrative Order
No. 2003- 14

The above captioned provision came before the Arizona Judicial Council on December 12, 2002 and has been recommended for adoption.

Rule 31, Rules of the Supreme Court, provides for the regulation and discipline of persons engaged in the practice of law, and provides exceptions where nonlawyers who have not been admitted to the State Bar of Arizona, may perform specified legal services. Legal document preparers are nonlawyers who prepare or provide legal documents, without the supervision of an attorney for an entity or a member of the public who is engaging in self representation in any legal matter. The Court recognizes the need to protect the public from possible harm caused by nonlawyers providing legal services must be balanced against the public's need for access to legal services. The State Bar of Arizona filed a Rule 28 petition proposing an amendment to Rule 31 to provide an additional exception, to permit legal document preparers to perform specified legal services. The Court has approved this rule change, with an effective date of July 1, 2003. §7-208 provides the certification and disciplinary process for legal document preparers, consistent with the amendment to Rule 31.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution, and Rule 31, Rules of the Supreme Court,

IT IS ORDERED that the above captioned provision, attached hereto, is adopted as a section of the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration effective April 1, 2003.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2003.

FOR THE COURT:

CHARLES E. JONES
Chief Justice