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**IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF ARIZONA**

IN THE MATTER OF: ) **Supreme Court No. R-15-0010**  
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PETITION TO AMEND THE ) **Comment to Petition to Amend the**  
ARIZONA RULES OF PROTECTIVE ) **Arizona Rules of Protective Order**  
ORDER PROCEDURE ) **Procedure**  
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The Arizona Supreme Court’s Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence, by and through its co-chairs, hereby comments in support of proposed Rule 36, Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure, and the comment thereto. The committee takes no position on the remainder of amendments proposed in the subject petition.

The proposed amendment of Rule 36 was requested by the Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence. It adopts the same evidentiary standard used in the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure when strict compliance with the Arizona Rules of Evidence is not demanded. *See* Ariz. R. Fam. Law P. 2(B)(2). The evidentiary standards should be consistent for two reasons: (1) the family court issues protective orders in appropriate cases; and (2) protective orders issued by limited jurisdiction courts are often consolidated with family court cases pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-3602(P) (2013 Supp.).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2015.

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