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IN THE ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

In the matter of)	Supreme Court R- 06-0007
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PETITION TO AMEND THE)	COMMENT TO PROPOSED RULE
ARIZONA RULES OF CIVIL)	RELATED TO UNLIMITED TIME FOR
APPELLATE PROCEDURE RULE 9)	FILING A CIVIL APPEAL
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The Arizona Association of Superior Court Clerks (AASCC) submits the following comment on the petition to amend the rules of civil appellate procedure regarding timeframes for appeal:

The AASCC does not support the effort to eliminate timeframes for appeal. Creating an unlimited time to appeal a case, regardless of the basis for appeal, would create havoc in maintaining the court record. A defined standard for keeping the court record, preparing the appellate record, and maintaining the court record pursuant to a records retention and destruction schedule is necessary for the orderly conduct of court business. Adoption of the rule change advocated in the petition would further create substantial difficulties in the storage and retention of exhibits. Currently, exhibits may be returned to the parties and agencies involved in a case under defined timeframes, allowing the Clerk to store and retain exhibits for ongoing cases. It is to the advantage of the public and litigants to have defined parameters in which a case is carried out. Defined

