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

9 In the Matter of:

Supreme Court No. R-20-0021

10 **PETITION TO CREATE A RULE**
11 **TO APPLY JURIES IN A**
12 **CONTESTED PROCEEDING**
13 **UPON REQUEST OF A LITIGANT**
14 **AFTER THE BENCH TRIAL**

15 **COMMENT OF**
16 **THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA**

17 Pursuant to Rule 28(e) of the Arizona Rules of Supreme Court, the State Bar
18 of Arizona (the “State Bar”) hereby submits the following as its comment to the
19 above-captioned Petition.

20 The Petition was filed by Martin Lynch of We the People Court Services and
21 requests that the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure be amended in
22 conformance with Article 2, Section 23 of the Arizona Constitution. The Petition,
23 however, is not clear as to the specific rule-change proposed. The Petition also
24 appears to mirror a similar petition filed by Petitioner, Petition R-20-0026, in which
25 Petitioner appears to seek the right to a jury trial in attorney disciplinary proceedings.
The Petition is presumably asserting that the Rules of Family Law Procedure are not

1 in conformance with the Arizona Constitution. The State Bar does not understand
2 this to be the case, nor is it clear from the Petition the manner in which the Family
3 Law Rules are requested to be amended. For these reasons, State Bar of Arizona
4 opposes the Petition.
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6 CONCLUSION

7 The State Bar of Arizona respectfully requests that this Court deny the
8 proposed changes to the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure as stated in the
9 Petition.
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12 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of May, 2020.

13 /s/ Lisa M. Panahi
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17 Electronic copy filed with the
18 Clerk of the Supreme Court of Arizona
19 this 1st day of May, 2020.

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