

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of ) Arizona Supreme Court  
 ) No. R-19-0046  
RULE 144(e) JUSTICE COURT )  
RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE )  
 ) **FILED: 8/26/2020**  
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**ORDER  
AMENDING RULE 144(e) OF THE JUSTICE COURT  
RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

A petition having been filed proposing to amend Rule 144(e) of the Justice Court Rules of Civil Procedure, and there being no comments, the Court having considered the petition,

**IT IS ORDERED** that Rule 144(e) of the Justice Court Rules of Civil Procedure is amended in accordance with the attachment to this order, effective January 1, 2021.

DATED this 26th day of August, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
ROBERT BRUTINEL  
Chief Justice

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TO:

Rule 28 Distribution

Hon. Andrew K. Hettinger

**ATTACHMENT<sup>1</sup>**

**JUSTICE COURT RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

Rule 144

**(a)-(d) [No change]**

**e. Dismissal for failure to conclude a lawsuit within ~~ten~~ nine months.** If a final judgment has not been entered within ~~ten (10)~~ nine (9) months from the date a lawsuit is filed, or if a party has not filed a written motion to extend the time for entry of judgment to a particular date, the court will mail a notice to the plaintiff and to any defendant who has appeared in the lawsuit informing them that unless this requirement is met within two (2) months from the date of mailing, the court will dismiss the lawsuit for failure to have judgment timely entered. If the requirement has not been met within two (2) months from the mailing of the court's notice, the court may dismiss the lawsuit without further notice to the parties. [**ARCP 38.1(d), 41(b)**]

**(f) [No change]**

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<sup>1</sup> Additions to the text of the rule are shown by underscoring and deletions of text are shown by ~~strike through~~.