

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
ELECTRONIC FILING OF) Administrative Order
PETITIONS FOR RULE CHANGE AND) No. 2006- 37
COMMENTS UNDER RULE 28,)
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT)

Arizona Supreme Court Rule 28 provides that the Supreme Court may, by separate administrative order, provide for the electronic filing of rule petitions and rule comments. Now, therefore, pursuant to Rule 28,

IT IS ORDERED that, in addition to the traditional filing method, rule petitions and comments pertaining to rule petitions may be electronically filed. This administrative order shall govern the procedures to be followed for such electronic filing, which shall include the following:

1. Rule petitions and comments may be electronically filed at the Court Rules Forum website, accessible through the Arizona Judicial Branch home page, at <http://www.supreme.state.az.us>.

2. All persons who wish to file a rule petition or comment electronically shall register at the Court Rules Forum website, and shall follow instructions which shall be posted on the website.

3. Electronically filed petitions shall be submitted as attachments in both PDF and Microsoft Word format on the Court Rules Forum website and shall comply with the length and formatting requirements of Rule 28(A). The PDF version shall be considered the official record.

4. Electronically filed comments may be submitted as attachments in both PDF and Microsoft Word format on the Court Rules Forum website and shall comply with the length and formatting requirements of Rule 28(D). Alternatively, informal comments may be submitted by inserting the text of the comment directly into the appropriate box at the comment site, with or without attaching a PDF or Word document.

5. Electronically filed petitions and comments shall comply with the requirements of Arizona Supreme Court Rule 124, except that the paragraph numbering requirement set forth in Rule 124(f) shall not apply to comments filed informally as set forth in paragraph 4 above.

6. As provided in Rule 124(c), an electronically filed rule petition or comment constitutes the filing of the original written and signed paper under the rules governing practice and procedure in the courts of this state.

7. All filings will be reviewed by a moderator or moderators, who will screen the submissions for duplication, irrelevancy, spam, harassment, profanity, obscenity, and other inappropriate content, before being posted to the website.

8. Any person filing a petition or comment electronically shall be deemed to have consented to receive electronic service from another party and also to have consented to receive minute entries, orders, and notices from the court electronically.

This administrative order shall be effective, and electronic filing shall be permitted, as of May 3, 2006.

Dated this 26th day of April, 2006.

RUTH V. MCGREGOR
Chief Justice