

Arizona Supreme Court

Rule 28 Petition

R-26-0003

RULES 122 AND 122.1, RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 7-Jan-2026
Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Side 1. RULES 122 AND 122.1, RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT, Other

(Litigant Group) PETITIONER: TASK FORCE ON RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

- Task Force on Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, Petitioner
Hon. John R Lopez, IV, Task Force on Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, Petitioner

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: MICHAEL A. CHIHAK

- Michael A Chihak, Commentor

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: MARK CASEY

- Mark Casey, Commentor

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: ARIZONA STEERING COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE COURTS

- Arizona Steering Committee on Artificial Intelligence, Commentor
Hon. Robert Brutinel, Arizona Steering Committee on Artificial Intelligence, Commentor

(Litigant Group) COMMENTORS: ARIZONA MEDIA ASSOCIATION, PHOENIX NEWSPAPERS, INC., KPNX-TV CHANNEL 12, SCRIPPS MEDIA, INC. D/B/A KNXV-TV, KGUN-TV, KASW-TV, GRAY LOCAL MEDIA, INC. D/B/A KTVK-KPHO, KOLD AND NW COMMUNICATIONS PF PHOENIX, INC. D/B/A FOX 10 PHOENIX

- Arizona Media Association, Commentor
Phoenix Newspapers, Inc, Commentor
KPNX-TV Channel 12, Commentor
Scripps Media, Inc, Commentor
KNXV Television, Commentor
KGUN-TV, Commentor
Gray Local Media Inc
NW Communications of Phoenix Inc, Commentor
KTVK-TV
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(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: ARIZONA PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council, Commentor
Elizabeth Burton Ortiz, Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council, Commentor

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: HON. PAMELA S. GATES

- Hon. Pamela S Gates, Commentor

CASE STATUS

Jan 7, 2026.....Pending

12 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 1. 7-Jan-2026 FILED: Petition to Amend Rules 122 and 122.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona (Petitioner Task Force on Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona by Hon. John R. Lopez, IV, Chair)

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2. 22-Jan-2026 Rule petitions have been filed in the above-captioned matters under Rule 28(a), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona. Upon consideration,
- IT IS ORDERED that these petitions are opened for public comment pursuant to Rule 28(c), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona. Comments must be submitted by no later than Friday, May 1, 2026, and any reply by a petitioner must be submitted no later than Monday, June 1, 2026.
- The petitions may be viewed by going to: <http://www.azcourts.gov/Rules-Forum>. This opens the "Welcome" page. Petitions are posted under the appropriate body of rules. For example, the Rules of Criminal Procedure can be found by scrolling down the page.
- For instructions on how to post comments electronically, follow the steps listed above and click on <http://www.azcourts.gov/rules/Forum-FAQ> at the top of the "Forum FAQ" page and then "How do I file a comment on a Rule 28 petition?"
- Alternatively, commenters may submit comments by filing an original and one paper copy of the comment with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, 1501 West Washington St., Room 402, Phoenix, AZ 85007 in an envelope marked "Rule Comment."
- Any person filing a comment must send a copy of the comment to the Petitioner electronically or by ordinary mail. (Hon. John R. Lopez IV)
3. 17-Apr-2026 FILED: (Comment) (Michael A. Chihak)
4. 17-Apr-2026 FILED: (Comment) (Mark Casey)
5. 21-Apr-2026 FILED: Comment of the Arizona Steering Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts (Arizona Steering Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts by Robert M. Brutinel, Chair)
6. 24-Apr-2026 FILED: Comment (Arizona Media Association, Phoenix Newspapers, Inc, KPNX-TV Channel 12, a Division of Multimedia Holdings Corp; Scripps Media, Inc. d/b/a KNXV-TV, KGUN-TV and KASW-TV, Gray Local Media, Inc. d/b/a KTVK/KPHO and KOLD, NW Communications of Phoenix, Inc. d/b/a FOX 10 Phoenix)
7. 29-Apr-2026 FILED: Amendment to Comment 04/24/2026 (Arizona Media Association, Phoenix Newspapers, Inc, KPNX-TV Channel 12, a Division of Multimedia Holdings Corp; Scripps Media, Inc. d/b/a KNXV-TV, KGUN-TV and KASW-TV, Gray Local Media, Inc. d/b/a KTVK/KPHO and KOLD, NW Communications of Phoenix, Inc. d/b/a FOX 10 Phoenix)
8. 30-Apr-2026 FILED: Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council Comment in Support (Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council by Elizabeth Burton Ortiz, Executive Director)
9. 1-May-2026 FILED: Comment on the Proposed Petition (Hon. Pamela S. Gates, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County)
10. 3-May-2026 FILED: State Bar of Arizona Comment; Appendix A; Appendix B; Appendix C; Appendix D (State Bar of Arizona by Jessica J. Fotinos, General Counsel)
11. 22-May-2026 FILED: Motion to Extend Time for filing the Reply (Petitioner Task Force on Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona by Hon. John R. Lopez, IV, Chair)
12. 26-May-2026 On January 7, 2026, Vice Chief Justice John R. Lopez, Chair of the Supreme Court Task Force on Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona ("Petitioner"), filed a rule petition on the Task Force's behalf proposing to amend Rules 122 and 122.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona. The amendments would revise the rules governing the use of recording devices and portable electronic devices in courtrooms and court facilities. The public comment period for the petition ended on May 1, 2026.
- On May 22, 2026, the Petitioner filed a Motion to Extend Time for Filing the Reply. Citing the number and complexity of public comments received on the petition, the motion asks the Court to extend the deadline to file a reply from June 1, 2026, to September 18, 2026. It also asks the Court to continue its consideration of the petition from the Court's August 2026 Rules Agenda to its December 2026 Rules Agenda.
- Upon consideration,
- IT IS ORDERED granting the motion.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED extending the Petitioner's deadline to file a reply from June 1, 2026, to September 18, 2026.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED continuing the Court's consideration of the petition from the August 2026 Rules Agenda to the December 2026 Rules Agenda. (Hon. Ann A. Scott Timmer)