

Arizona Supreme Court

Rule 28 Petition

R-26-0004

RULES 12 et al, PROTECTIVE ORDER PROCEDURE

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 7-Jan-2026

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Side 1. RULES 12, 23, 25, 26 AND 38, RULES OF PROTECTIVE ORDER PROCEDURE, Other

(Litigant Group) PETITIONER: COMMITTEE ON THE IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence and the Courts, Petitioner
- Wendy A Million, Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence and the Courts, Petitioner

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: ARIZONA COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE

- Arizona Commission on Access to Justice, Commentor
- Hon Samuel A Thumma, Arizona Commission on Access to Justice, Commentor

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: LEGAL SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS IN ARIZONA

- Legal Services for Crime Victims in Arizona (LSCVA), Commentor
- Jamie Balson, Legal Services for Crime Victims in Arizona (LSCVA), Commentor

(Litigant Group) COMMENTORS: COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES, INC., PATRICIA ANNE MADSEN AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA LEGAL AID, INC.

- Community Legal Services, Commentor
- Patricia A Madsen, Commentor  
AZ Bar No. 19527  
[Current Member]
- Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Commentor

Attorneys for: Commentors

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(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: COMMITTEE ON FAMILY COURT

- Committee on Family Court, Commentor
- D Gregory Sakall, Committee on Family Court, Commentor

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

- Arizona Attorney General's Office, Commentor

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(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: ARIZONA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

- Arizona Sheriffs Association, Commentor
- David Clouse, Arizona Sheriffs Association, Commentor

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Commentor
- Clint Van Wuffen, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Commentor

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT LEGAL ADVISORS ASSOCIATION

- Arizona Law Enforcement Legal Advisor's Association, Commentor

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CASE STATUS

Jan 7, 2026.....Pending

10 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

1. 7-Jan-2026 FILED: Petition to Amend Rules 12, 23, 25, 26, and 38 of the Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure (Petitioner Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence and the Courts, Hon. Wendy A. Million, 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. 29-Apr-2026 FILED: Comments of the Arizona Commission on Access to Justice Supporting the Petition (Arizona Commission on Access to Justice by Judge Samuel A. Thumma, Chair)
4. 30-Apr-2026 FILED: (Comment) (Legal Services for Crime Victims in Arizona by Jamie Balson)
5. 1-May-2026 FILED: Comment in Opposition to the Portion of Petition No. R-26-0004 Re Limiting Amendments of Orders of Protection Under ARPOP Rule 38(d) (Community Legal Services, Patricia Anne Madsen, Managing Attorney, Family Law Unit and Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc., by Kristin Fitzharris, Director of Litigation and Advocacy)
6. 1-May-2026 FILED: Comment of the COFC (Committee on Family Court by Judge Greg Sakall, Chair)
7. 1-May-2026 FILED: Comment on Petition to Amend Rule 23 of the Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure (Order of Protection) (Arizona Attorney General's by Kristin K. Mayes, Attorney General, Alexander W. Samuels and Emma H. Mark)
8. 1-May-2026 FILED: Comment on Petition to Amend Rules 12, 23, 25, 26, and 38 of the Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure (Arizona Sheriffs' Association by David Clouse, President Navajo County Sheriff)
9. 1-May-2026 FILED: (Comment) (Maricopa County Sheriff's Department by Clint Van Wuffen, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs)
10. 1-May-2026 FILED: Comment in Opposition of Petition to Amend Rule 23 of the Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure (Arizona Law Enforcement Legal Advisors Association by Marianne E. Sullivan, Flagstaff Assistant City Attorney Senior, President and Zachary A. Altman, Gilbert Assistant Town Attorney Senior, Vice President)