

Arizona Supreme Court

Rule 28 Petition

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RULE 34(e), RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Appellate Case Information

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Side 1. RULE 34(e), RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT, Other

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(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: ATTORNEY REGULATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee, Commentor
- Hon. John R Lopez, IV, Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee, Commentor

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CASE STATUS

Jan 8, 2026.....Pending

22 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

1. 8-Jan-2026 FILED: Petition to Amend Rule 34(e) Rules of the Supreme Court (Petitioner Scharf-Norton Center for Constitutional Litigation at the Goldwater Institute by Jonathan Riches, Timonthy Sandefur, Adam Shelton)
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. 30-Jan-2026 FILED: (Comment) (Geoffrey M. Trachtenberg)
4. 3-Feb-2026 FILED: (Comment) (Mark D. Samson)
5. 5-Feb-2026 FILED: (Comment) (Eric S. Shapiro)
6. 5-Feb-2026 FILED: (Comment) (Eduardo R. Parra)
7. 5-Feb-2026 FILED: (Comment) (Scott I. Palumbo)

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8.	9-Feb-2026	FILED: (Comment) (Jack V. Brooks)
9.	9-Feb-2026	FILED: (Comment) (Alexander R. Hartman)
10.	9-Feb-2026	FILED: (Comment) (Joseph D'Aguanno)
11.	9-Feb-2026	FILED: (Comment) (John A. Micheaels)
12.	9-Feb-2026	FILED: (Comment) (Shane L. Harward)
13.	11-Feb-2026	FILED: (Comment) (Heidi J. Thompson)
14.	11-Feb-2026	FILED: (Comment) (Michelle Zurcher)
15.	17-Feb-2026	FILED: (Comment) (David J. Diamond)
16.	20-Feb-2026	FILED: (Comment) (Paul J. Mooney)
17.	12-Mar-2026	FILED: (Comment) (Andrew Mathers)
18.	28-Mar-2026	FILED: (Comment) (Lawrence J. Aldrich)
19.	9-Apr-2026	FILED: Response to Petition to Amend Rule 34(e), Rules of the Supreme Court (Committee on Character and Fitness by Hon. Andrew J. Becke, Vice-Chair)
20.	27-Apr-2026	FILED: Comment of the Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee (Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee by Chief Justice John R. Lopez IV, Chair)
21.	30-Apr-2026	FILED: Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council Comment in Opposition (Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council ("APAAC") by Elizabeth Burton Ortiz, Executive Director)
22.	1-May-2026	FILED: State Bar of Arizona Comment (State Bar of Arizona by Jessica J. Fotinos, General Counsel)