

Arizona Supreme Court

Rule 28 Petition

R-26-0008

RULES 14, 45 AND 45.1, RULES OF FAMILY LAW

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 9-Jan-2026

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Side 1. RULES 14, 45 AND 45.1, RULES OF FAMILY LAW PROCEDURE, Other

(Litigant Group) PETITIONER: COMMITTEE ON FAMILY COURT

- Hon. D Gregory Sakall, Petitioner
- Committee on Family Court, Petitioner

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: NICHOLAS J. BROWN

- Nicholas J Brown, Commentor
AZ Bar No. 35100
[Current Member]
Admitted 3/14/19

(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

CASE STATUS

Jan 9, 2026.....Pending

5 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 9-Jan-2026 FILED: Petition to Amend Rules 14, 45, & 45.1, and to Adopt Rule 45.2, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure (Petitioner Committee on Family Court, Judge Greg Sakall, Chair)
- 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)
- 10-Feb-2026 FILED: (Comment) (Nicholas J. Brown)
- 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)
- 19-May-2026 FILED: Reply in Support of Petition (Petitioner Committee on Family Court, Judge Greg Sakall, Chair)