

Arizona Supreme Court

Rule 28 Petition

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RULE 135, RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Appellate Case Information

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- Hon. Andrew M Jacobs, Petitioner

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- David Berrey, Commentor

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- Hon. Ronda R Fisk, Commentor
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- Hon. Gregory Como, Commentor
- Hon. Erik Thorson, Commentor
- Hon. Jennifer C Ryan-Touhill, Commentor
- Hon. Michele Lawson, Commentor
- Hon. Christian Bell, Commentor

(Litigant Group) COMMENTORS: HON. PAMELA S. GATES AND HON. DANIELLE J. VIOLA

- Hon. Pamela S Gates, Commentor
- Hon. Danielle J Viola, Commentor

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- Hon. Christopher P Staring, Commentor

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- Hon. Andrew J Becke, Commentor
- Hon. Veronika Fabian, Commentor
- Hon. Kent E Cattani, Commentor
- Hon. Paul J McMurdie, Commentor
- Hon. Peter B Swann, Commentor
- Hon. Garye L Vasquez, Commentor
- Hon. Peter J Eckerstrom, Commentor
- Hon. Michael F Kelly, Commentor

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

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

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: HON. ERIK THORSON

- Hon. Erik Thorson, Commentor

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: HON. GREG SAKALL

- Hon. D Gregory Sakall, Commentor

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: STATE BAR OF ARIZONA

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CASE STATUS

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14 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

1. 12-Jan-2026 FILED: Petition to Adopt Rule 135 Rules of the Supreme Court; Appendix (Petitioner Hon. Andrew M. Jacobs, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One)
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. 3-Feb-2026 FILED: Follow-Up Submission to the Arizona Supreme Court AI Steering Committee; Appendix A (David J. Berrey)
4. 2-Apr-2026 FILED: Comment of Individual Maricopa County Judicial Branch Officers on Petition to Adopt Rule 135; Exhibit 1; Exhibit 2 (Hon. John L. Blanchard, Civil Department Presiding Judge, Hon. Ronda R. Fisk, Family Department Presiding Judge, Hon. James R. Knapp, Co-Chair, AI Committee)
5. 13-Apr-2026 FILED: Comment Supporting Petition to Adopt Rule 135, Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court (Hon. Greg S. Como, Judge, Arizona Superior Court Maricopa County, Hon. Erik Thorson, Judge, Arizona Superior Court Maricopa County, Hon. Jennifer Ryan-Touhill, Judge, Arizona Superior Court Maricopa County, Hon. Michelle Lawson, Commissioner, Arizona Superior Court Maricopa County, Hon. Christian Bell, Commissioner, Arizona Superior Court Maricopa County)
6. 24-Apr-2026 FILED: Comment on the Proposed Rule (Hon. Pamela S. Gates, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County and Hon. Danielle J. Viola, Associate Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County)
7. 28-Apr-2026 FILED: Comment in Support of Proposed Ariz.R.Sup. Ct. 135 (Kevin D. Heade)
8. 28-Apr-2026 FILED: (Comment) (Hon. Christopher P. Staring, Chief Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division 2)
9. 29-Apr-2026 FILED: Response to petition to Adopt Rule 135, Rules of the Supreme Court (Hon. Andrew J. Becke, Hon. Veronika Fabian, Hon. Kent E. Cattani, Hon. Paul J. McMurdie, Ret, Hon. Peter B. Swann, Ret, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One and Hon. Garye L. Vasquez, Hon. Peter J. Eckerstrom, Hon. Micahel F. Kelly, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two)
10. 29-Apr-2026 FILED: Comment of the Arizona Steering Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts (Arizona Steering Committee on Artificial Intelligence by Hon. Robert M. Brutinel, Chair)
11. 29-Apr-2026 FILED: Comment in Support of Petition to Adopt Rule 135, Rules of the Supreme Court (Hon. Erik Thorson, Presiding Judge, Arizona Tax Court)
12. 1-May-2026 FILED: Comment in Support of the Petition (Hon. Greg Sakall, Judge, Division 23, Pima County Superior Court)
13. 1-May-2026 FILED: Proposed Comment (State Bar of Arizona by Jessica J. Fotinos, General Counsel)
14. 1-Jun-2026 FILED: Reply in Support of Petition to Adopt Rule 135, Rules of the Supreme Court; Appendix 1; Appendix 2 (Petitioner Hon. Andrew M. Jacobs, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One)