

Arizona Supreme Court

Rule 28 Petition

R-26-0022

VARIOUS CRIMINAL COURT RULES REGARDING RESTYLE

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 12-Jan-2026

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Side 1. VARIOUS CRIMINAL COURT RULES REGARDING RESTYLE, Other

(Litigant Group) PETITIONERS: HON. JULIE LAFAVE AND ERIK THORSON

- Hon. Julie A LaFave, Petitioner
- Hon. Erik Thorson, Petitioner

(Litigant Group) COMMENTOR: THE MARICOPA COUNTY INDIGENT DEFENSE OFFICES

- Maricopa County Office of Public Defense Services, Commentor
- Maricopa County Office of the Legal Advocate, Commentor
- Maricopa County Legal Defender's Office, Commentor
- Maricopa County Public Defender's Office, Commentor
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CASE STATUS

Jan 12, 2026....Pending

5 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 12-Jan-2026 FILED: Petition to Amend the Arizona Superior Court Rules of Appellate Procedure-Criminal; Appendix (Petitioners Hon. Julie LaFave, Lower Court Appeals Department, Maricopa County Superior Court and Hon. Erik Thorson, Presiding Judge, Arizona Tax Court)
- 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)
- 24-Apr-2026 FILED: (Rule Supplemental Exhibits) (Hon. Erik Thorson, Presiding Judge, Arizona Tax Court)
- 1-May-2026 FILED: Joint Comment by Directors of the Maricopa County Indigent Defense Agencies; Appendix A; Appendix B (The Maricopa Indigent Defense Offices by Rosemarie Pena-Lynch, Steve Koestner, Michael C. Jones, Shannon Burns and Lina G. Garcia)
- 1-May-2026 FILED: State Bar of Arizona Comment (State Bar of Arizona by Jessica J. Fotinos, General Counsel)