

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of) Arizona Supreme Court
) No. R-22-0035
RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE)
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) **FILED 07/13/2022**

O R D E R

On July 12, 2022, Justice John R. Lopez IV, former Chair of the Committee on Criminal Rules Regarding Victims, filed a rule petition. The Committee recently filed a report recommending against amending the Rules of Criminal Procedure to integrate the victims' rights provisions now found in Rule 39 into the other criminal procedure rules. To give the Court an alternative in the event it disagrees with that recommendation, the petition includes a set of proposed amendments to forty of the Rules of Criminal Procedure to include various victims' rights provisions in those rules. Petitioner further requests that the petition be given expedited consideration under Rule 28(h)(1), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, and be considered during the Court's December 2022 Rules Agenda. Upon consideration,

IT IS ORDERED granting the request to consider this petition on an expedited basis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will consider this petition during its December 2022 Rules Agenda.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this petition is opened for public comment under Rule 28(c), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, with all comments due no later than October 3, 2022, and any reply due no later than October 21, 2022.

The petition 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, Rules of Criminal Procedure, which is found by scrolling down the page.

For instructions on how to post comments electronically, click on <https://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 and one electronic copy of the written comments and supporting documents in Microsoft Word format on a CD or other compatible electronic medium 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.

DATED this 13th day of July, 2022.

/s/

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice

TO:

Rule 28 Distribution
John R. Lopez IV