

2020 Rules Cycle Snapshot

Petitions Filed by the State Bar of Arizona (5)

Petition	Summary of Petition	Summary of Oppositions & Comments	Resolution
R-20-0016 Amend Rule 37(b), Ariz. R. Fam. L. P.	Would amend rule to permit a court to continue an action if a party becomes incapacitated.	None	Adopted as modified, effective 01-01-21
R-20-0017 Amend Rule 97, Ariz. R. Fam. L. P.	Would amend rule to add a form for a “good faith consultation certificate.”	None	Adopted as modified, effective 01-01-21
R-20-0018 Add Rule 16.3, Ariz. R. Civ. P.	Would adopt a new rule regarding settlements of claims for minors and adults in need of protection.	None	Adopted, effective 01-01-21
R-20-0025 Amend Rule 23, Ariz. R. Civ. P.	Would amend class action rules to incorporate amendments to federal rules.	None	Adopted as modified, effective 01-01-21
R-20-0028 Amend Rules 12 and 8.1, Ariz. R. Civ. P.	Would amend rules to require good faith consultation before filing certain Rule 12 motions.	None	Adopted as modified, effective 01-01-21

Petitions Filed by Others

Petition	Petition Filed by	Summary of Petition	SBA Response	Resolution
R-19-0045 Amend Rules 38 and 39, Ariz. R. Protective Order P.	Ursula M. Johnston	Would amend rules concerning first-time plaintiffs filing for orders of protection to lower standard of proof at contested hearings.	SBA filed comment in opposition	Court denied
R-20-0002 Amend Rule 38, Ariz. R. Protective Order P.	Hon. Wendy A. Million	Would amend rule to clarify the applicable procedures when one or both parties fail to appear at a contested hearing.	SBA filed comment in support	Adopted as modified, effective 01-01-21
R-20-0004 Amend Rule 3.2, 4.1 and Rule 41 Forms 2(a) and 2(b), Ariz. R. Crim. P.	Dave Byers, AOC	Would amend rules concerning arrest warrants and modify arrest warrant forms.	SBA filed comment in opposition	Adopted as modified, effective 01-01-21
R-20-0006 Amend Rules 7, 8.1, 16, 37, 55 and Rule 54 Forms 11(a), 12(a), 13(a) and 14(a), Ariz. R. Civ. P.	Jodi Knobel Feuerhelm	Would make minor technical and clarifying amendments to the Civil Rules	SBA filed comment in support with proposed slight modification	Adopted as modified, effective 01-01-21
R-20-0009 Amend Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. to Adopt New Rule 24 – Jury Selection	Central Arizona National Lawyers Guild	Would adopt new rule to restrict the exclusion of jurors based on race or ethnicity.	SBA filed comment recommending a continuance	Petition withdrawn
R-20-0012 Adopt Rules for the “FASTAR” Program	Hon. Kyle Bryson	Would permanently adopt and amend Fast Trial and Alternative Resolution Program with modifications.	SBA filed comment recommending Court withhold adoption	Court continued

R-20-0013 Amend Various Rules of Procedure Related to Creating the Verbatim Record of Judicial Proceedings	Dave Byers, AOC	Would amend civil, criminal and other procedural rules to supplement court reporters with electronic recording.	SBA filed comment in opposition	Court continued to August 2021 Rules Agenda
R-20-0014 Amend FASTAR Rules 101-126	James E. Abraham	Would abrogate the “alternative resolution” provisions of the FASTAR Rules and amend Rule 117 re reasonableness of medical bills.	SBA filed comment recommending Court withhold adoption	Court continued
R-20-0015 Amend Rule 22.5, Ariz. R. Crim. P.	Maricopa County Attorney	Would amend rule to regulate post-trial contact with jurors.	SBA filed comment in opposition	Court denied
R-20-0021 Amend Ariz. R. Fam. L. P.	Martin Lynch	Would amend the rules to grant a right to a jury in family law court proceedings.	SBA filed comment in opposition	Court denied
R-20-0023 Amend Rule 404, Ariz. R. Evid.	Pima County Attorney	Would add a new rule making other crimes of domestic violence admissible in a prosecution for domestic violence.	SBA filed comment in opposition	Court denied
R-20-0026 Amend Rule 32, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.	Martin Lynch	Would amend rule to permit appeal of attorney discipline to superior court with a jury trial right.	SBA filed comment in opposition	Court denied
R-20-0031 Amend Ariz. R. Crim. P.	Arizona Voice for Crime Victims	Would integrate victims’ rights provisions throughout the criminal rules.	SBA filed comment in opposition	Court continued
R-20-0033 Amend Rule 44, Ariz. R. Fam. L. P.	Hon. Bruce R. Cohen	Would amend rule requirements for proof of service.	SBA filed comment in support with proposed revision	Adopted as modified, effective 01-01-21
R-20-0034 Amend Rule 31, 32, 41, 42, 46-51, 54-58, 60, and 75-16, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. and Adopt New Rule 33.1	Task Force on the Delivery of Legal Services	Would amend rules and ethical rules to facilitate the delivery of legal services.	SBA filed comment in support but recommending additional review	Adopted as modified, effective 01-01-21