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IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
) Supreme Court No. R-
PETITION TO AMEND ER 8.4, RULE 42,)
) Motion for Expedited
) Consideration for
) Petition to Amend
) Rule 8.4. Rule 42
ARIZONA RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT)
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Pursuant to Rule 28 (A)(1), Rules of the Supreme Court, a petition shall be filed on or before January 10 in any given year in order to be considered and acted upon by the court at its annual rule conference the following September. The instant petition for rule change was filed Feb. 23.

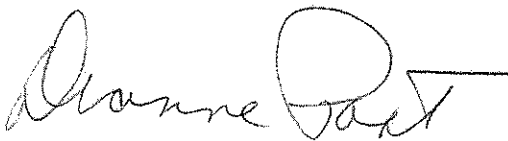
However, Rule 28 (G)(1) says that, "if a rule change petition presents an urgent matter for which compelling circumstances render the annual rule processing cycles inadequate, a request to consider a rule change petition on an expedited basis may be filed with the petition."

I request that this petition for rule change be expedited for consideration in September 2017 for two reasons. First, there is plenty of time between now and September for input and discussion.

Second, discrimination and intolerance has become more prevalent in our society in the last several months. The Southern Poverty Law Center has catalogued an explosion in “hate groups”, the Anti-Defamation League has encountered a dramatic increase in violent threats and acts across the country, and even the United Nations Human Rights Council has bemoaned the increase of intolerance globally.

Discrimination has a long history. That is precisely why steps to end that discrimination must be taken expeditiously rather than waiting for the situation to deteriorate further. Likewise, that is why this petition should be heard at the earliest opportunity.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 27th day of February 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne Post". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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