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## Arizona Supreme Court Makes Important Rule Changes

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court has authorized a number of changes in court procedures to assist the public, litigants, and attorneys to better access the Arizona court system.

### Court Allows Greater Access for Cameras in the Courtroom

While the Arizona court system has traditionally welcomed media coverage of cases, in the past, the individual judge who presided over a case decided whether to allow cameras in the courtroom. While this process will continue, the court system is requiring greater accountability of its judges by requiring those judges who deny television camera coverage to court cases to state, in writing, their reasons for denying such coverage. Also, the Court will now permit appeals of orders granting or denying media coverage of court proceedings. Previously, such appeals were precluded. This change will become effective on January 1, 2009. To view the new rules, please [click here](#).

### Court Enacts Probate Rules

Many litigants in probate court are unrepresented and are involved in difficult family issues at a time of special vulnerability. To simplify the various probate processes and allow for greater access to probate remedies, the Arizona Supreme Court enacted a specific set of rules that will govern the probate court. These rules will apply uniformly statewide and become effective on January 1, 2009. To view the entire set of rules, please [click here](#).

### Court Allows Out of State Attorneys “Admission by Motion”

Traditionally, attorneys who have practiced law in other states but then relocate or do business in Arizona, must take and pass the Arizona Bar exam. Because the scope of much legal practice has expanded beyond state borders, many states allow an attorney who has been licensed in one state to be admitted to practice in another state by complying with certain standards. The Arizona Supreme Court has authorized this practice of “Admission by Motion” for attorneys who meet a number of Arizona criteria and who are licensed in states that also allow the “Admission by Motion” reciprocity. To find more information about this rule change, which will become effective on January 1, 2010, please [click here](#).

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## Court asks for Additional Comment on Modified Proposed Rules for Eviction Proceedings

As the number of homes going into foreclosure has recently increased dramatically and many former homeowners are now renting places to live, the Arizona Supreme Court has been evaluating the rules that govern eviction proceedings. The Proposed Rules regarding Eviction Actions relate to procedures in the Superior courts and Justice of the Peace courts involving forcible and special detainer actions. The Arizona Supreme Court tentatively intends to adopt the attached rules, but is asking for public comment on them until November 15, 2008. To view the rules available for comment, please [click here](#).

## Additional Rule Change Petitions

To see other rule changes that the Arizona Supreme Court enacted, please [click here](#).

## Some Filing Fees Change

Based upon legislation passed in 2008, some fees administered by the Clerk of the Supreme Court may change. The new fee schedule for the Supreme Court is effective October 1, 2008. You can find the new schedule by visiting [www.supreme.state.az.us/clerk](http://www.supreme.state.az.us/clerk), then click on the "new fee schedule" link.

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