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Subject: Proposed Appellate Rule 57

As you probably know, a new version of Appellate Rule 57 is required because of the recent expansion of direct appeal jurisdiction by statute and because the current rule does a very poor and, in fact, misleading job of explaining how direct appeal jurisdiction operates. Pam Baron, Justice Brett Busby and I have been working with Blake Hawthorne on a proposal for revision of Appellate Rule 57, which is attached for your review. I am forwarding this draft to Marti for planning purposes. Please let us have your thoughts at your earliest convenience. I apologize for the shortness of notice.

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