RULE CHANGE 2018(16)

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Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, October 4, 2018, effective immediately.

By the Court:

Monica M. Márquez Justice, Colorado Supreme Court