

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: TASK FORCE TO STUDY APPELLATE MEDIATION

Filed: February 12, 2007

ORDER

By order filed February 2, 2006, this Court established the Task Force to Study Appellate Mediation to determine the feasibility, effectiveness, inherent fairness, and method of implementation of a rule applying to all appellate civil cases; to report on the feasibility of a mediation program applicable to appealed civil cases generally; to recommend what action(s) should be taken regarding the implementation of mediation of appealed civil cases; and to report its findings and recommendations to the Court by July 31, 2006, at which time the terms of the members of the Task Force were to expire. The Task Force submitted its report to the Court on July 27, 2006.

As a result of the hard work, dedication, and expertise of the members of the Task Force, an order was entered on December 13, 2006, publishing for comment the Supreme Court's Proposed Provisional Rule 48, Appellate Mediation. The comment period for Proposed Provisional Rule 48 expires on March 15, 2007. It appears to the Court that expedience and economy dictate the re-establishment of the Task Force to review the comments received as a result of the Court's order of December 13, 2006, and make recommendations to the Court regarding said comments.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Task Force to Study Appellate Mediation is re-established and charged with the task of reviewing the comments regarding Proposed Supreme Court Rule 48 received as a result of the Court's December 13, 2006, order publishing said Rule for comment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Task Force to Study Appellate Mediation shall report to this Court regarding said comments by April 15, 2007.

WILLIAM M. BARKER, CHIEF JUSTICE