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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TENNESSEE RULES OF CIVIL  
PROCEDURE**

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**No. ADM2020-01016**

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**ORDER**

The Court adopts the attached amendments effective July 1, 2021, subject to approval by resolution of the General Assembly. The rules amended are as follows:

**RULE 11.01 SIGNATURE**

The text of each amendment is set out in the attached Appendix.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

  
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JEFFREY S. BIVINS  
CHIEF JUSTICE

*APPENDIX*

*AMENDMENTS TO THE  
RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE*

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and new text is indicated by underlining.]**

TENNESSEE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

RULE 11.01

SIGNATURE

[Amend Rule 11.01(a), as indicated below:]

(a) Every pleading, written motion, and other paper shall be signed by at least one attorney of record in the attorney's individual name, or, if the party is not represented by an attorney, shall be signed by the party. Each paper shall state, to the extent available, the signer's address, telephone number, e-mail address, and Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility number, ~~if any~~. Except when otherwise specifically provided by rule or statute, pleadings need not be verified or accompanied by affidavit. An unsigned paper shall be stricken unless omission of the signature is corrected promptly after being called to the attention of the attorney or party.

*Advisory Commission Comment [2021]*

Rule 11.01(a) is amended to require that every pleading, written motion, and other paper shall include the signer's email address. Providing an e-mail address is useful but does not of itself signify consent to filing or service by e-mail.