

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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**IN RE: AMENDMENT OF RULE 7,
RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT**

No. ADM2017-01659

**RESPONSE OF THE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS
TO THE COMMENTS TO THE PETITION TO AMEND
TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RULE 7
GOVERNING LICENSING OF ATTORNEYS**

Comes now the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners (the "TBLE") and submits the following Response to the Comment to Petition to Amend Tenn. Sup. Ct. Rule 7 filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility (the "Board"). The TBLE has no objection to the comments and recommendations of the Board and appreciates the Board's support of the amendments. Current practice in the TBLE office is to verify the standing of any supervising attorney prior to accepting the registration to practice pending admission pursuant to Sections 5.01(g) or 10.04. Since the provisions in Sections 5.01(g) and 10.04(a)(1)(D) include similar requirements for supervision, the TBLE recommends modification of both Sections as follows:

5.01(g) Practice Pending Admission by Applicant Licensed in Another Jurisdiction. A lawyer currently holding an active license to practice law in another state ...

(5) associates with a lawyer who is ~~admitted to practice~~ licensed and in good standing in Tennessee; ... (change at line 169 of Petition)

10.04(a) Eligibility.

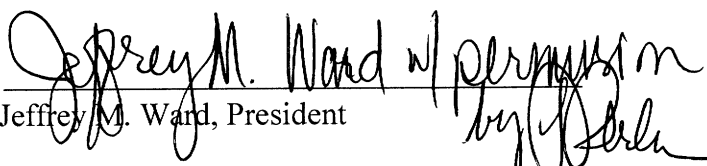

(1) An applicant may register with the Board in order to perform the services described in paragraph (c) of this section provided ...

(D) works in Tennessee under the supervision of a ~~licensed Tennessee attorney~~ lawyer who is licensed and in good standing in Tennessee; and

No other comments were submitted by the deadline for filing comments on September 29, 2017. Therefore, the TBLE respectfully requests this Honorable Court to enter an Order amending Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7 as set forth in the Petition as amended herein.

Respectfully submitted,

TENNESSEE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

By:  *with permission by* 
Jeffrey M. Ward, President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Response to Comment to the Petition to Amend Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7 has been served upon Sandy L. Garrett, Esq., Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Board of Professional Responsibility, 10 Cadillac Drive, Suite 220, Brentwood, TN, and Joycelyn Ashnati Stevenson, Esq., Executive Director, Tennessee Bar Association, 221 4th Avenue North, Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37219, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on this 3rd day of October, 2017.



Lisa Perlen, Executive Director

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**COMMENT OF THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
TO PETITION TO AMEND TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RULE 7
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Comes now the Board of Professional Responsibility (the Board), pursuant to Order filed August 30, 2017, and submits the following Comment to Petition to Amend Tenn. Sup. Ct. Rule 7:

1. To ensure timely registrations, the Board supports the Board of Law Examiners' (BLE) proposed language in Sec. 10.01(d)(1) requiring in-house counsel to complete the Board of Professional Responsibility's registration process within 30 days of approval of their application to register.

2. While the BLE's petition does not propose amending Section 5.01(g)(5), the Board respectfully suggests that Section 5.01(g)(5) be amended to require applicants licensed in other jurisdictions to associate with a Tennessee licensed attorney whose license is in good standing with the Board of Professional Responsibility.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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Certificate of Service

I certify that the foregoing has been mailed to Lisa Perlen, Esq., Executive Director, Tennessee Board of Law Examiners, 511 Union Street, Suite 525, Nashville, Tennessee; and Joycelyn Ashanti Stevenson, Esq., Executive Director, Tennessee Bar Association, 221 4th Avenue North, Suite 400, Nashville, Tennessee by U.S. mail, on this the 8TH day of Sept., 2017.

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Chairman of the Board

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Chief Disciplinary Counsel