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IN RE: AMENDMENT OF RULE 7, RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT No. ADM2018-01627

Dear Mr. Hivner:

Please forward the following comment to the Court for its consideration.

Dear Chief Justice Bivens and Associate Justices of the Tennessee Supreme Court:

I beg this honorable Court's leave to file this comment concerning the proposed amendment to Supreme Court Rule 7, although the due date of September 28th has passed. It does not appear that any other interested party has commented, and my comment is brief. If you grant my request for leave, my comment for your consideration is as follows.

In proposed Section 1.07(a) of Rule 7, the text reads "[t]he Tennessee Law Course must be successfully completed..." (emphasis added). In light of this, I request that the Court add the term "successfully" also to Section 1.03(g), so that it reads as follows: "(g) has successfully completed the Tennessee Law Course as provided in section 1.07."

Furthermore, whereas the proposed Section 1.07, specifies that this Court will determine the content of the Tennessee Law Course, and the Board of Law Examiners will administer the course, the section does not specify an exam as a part of the course's content. I request that this Court interpret the requirement of successful completion in Sec. 1.07(a) to mean that the course will include a mandatory exam that measures applicants' knowledge, and that applicants who fail to reach an established percentage of correct answers will not be granted licenses to practice law. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, Chad W. Blair, J.D. (BPR# 024321)

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