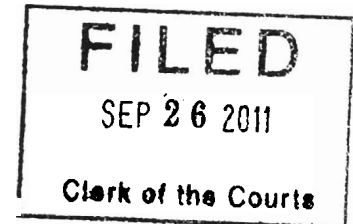


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SUPREME COURT  
RULE 9, SECTION 20.11

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No. M2011-01958-SC-R11-RL  
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**ORDER**

On September 15, 2011, the Access to Justice Commission filed a petition asking this Court to amend Supreme Court Rule 9 by adopting a streamlined and shortened version of the voluntary pro bono reporting form contained in Supreme Court Rule 9, section 20.11. After studying the current form, the Commission, in particular the Pro Bono Advisory Committee, believes streamlining and shortening the form will encourage more pro bono reporting from attorneys. In turn, an increase in voluntarily reported pro bono service will assist the Commission to encourage resources from foundations, bar associations, law firms, corporate legal departments, and charitable organizations to support the expansion of the delivery of pro bono service in Tennessee.

Upon due consideration, the Commission's petition is GRANTED. Supreme Court Rule 9, section 20.11 is amended by deleting the current form contained within the Rule in its entirety and replacing it with the amended voluntary pro bono reporting form set out in an appendix to this order. The amendment shall take effect upon the filing of this order.

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this order to LexisNexis and to Thomson Reuters. In addition, this order shall be posted on the Tennessee Supreme Court's website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

PER CURIAM

Appendix - Amended Voluntary Pro Bono Reporting Form

Many attorneys freely give their time and talents to improve our profession, our system of justice, and our communities. Gathering information about volunteer work done by attorneys is essential to efforts to obtain and maintain funding for civil and criminal legal services for the indigent and for promoting the image of the legal profession. The Supreme Court of Tennessee requests that you estimate and voluntarily report the extent of your pro bono activities in the preceding calendar year. For further description of the categories described below, see Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 8, RPC 6.1.

(1) I estimate that I worked the following hours in [year]

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Providing Legal Services to Persons of Limited Means  
Without a Fee or at a Substantially Reduced Fee;

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Providing Legal Services to Non-Profit Organizations  
Serving Persons of Limited Means Without a Fee;

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Providing Legal Services to Groups and Organizations at a  
Reduced Fee when Payment of Standard Fees would create a Financial  
Hardship; and

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Providing Legal Services to Improve the Law, the Legal  
System, or the Legal Profession.

(2) I voluntarily contributed financial support to organizations that provide legal services to persons of limited means:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes; (Please do not disclose the amount.)

\_\_\_\_\_ No.

