IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: RULES 7 AND 9 RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT

ORDER

On September 7, 2016, the Court filed an order soliciting written comments concerning proposed amendments to Rule 7, section 16.01 and Rule 9, section 30.3 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The public-comment period expired on October 10, 2016. The Court received only one written comment, a comment filed by the Tennessee Bar Association on November 10, 2016.

After due consideration, the Court hereby adopts the amendments to Rule 7, section 16.01 and Rule 9, section 30.3 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court, as set out in the attached Appendix. The amendments shall take effect immediately 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, including the Appendix, shall be posted on the Tennessee Supreme Court's website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

PER CURIAM

APPENDIX

[Amend Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7, § 16.01 as indicated below; deleted text is indicated by overstriking, and new text is indicated by underlining:]

Sec. 16.01. In accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § § 10 and 13-30, and R. 21, § 7, an attorney who has been suspended, disbarred or assumed inactive status and who wishes to take the bar examination to establish proof of competency and learning in the law must first petition for reinstatement pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30 and/or file an application for reinstatement pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 21 § 7. If the Court orders the applicant's successful completion of the bar exam, then the applicant as evidence of the attorney's fitness to practice law, must apply for examination as provided in section 3.03 of this Rule, and attach to the application a disclosure that the application is being submitted pursuant to this section 16.01.

[Amend Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30.3 as indicated below; deleted text is indicated by overstriking, and new text is indicated by underlining:]

30.3. Reinstatement from Administrative Suspension or Inactive Status.

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(i) The Court may require an attorney seeking reinstatement from suspension or inactive status under any of the foregoing provisions and who has remained suspended or inactive for more than five years before the filing of a petition for reinstatement and/or application for reinstatement to establish proof of competency and learning in law which proof may include certification by the Board of Law Examiners of the successful completion of an examination for admission to practice subsequent to the date of disbarment, suspension or transfer to inactive status, and to establish proof of compliance with all other applicable rules and regulations.