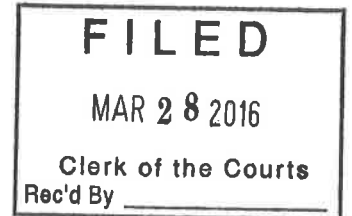


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RULE 9,
SECTION 32.9

No. ADM2015-02478

ORDER



On December 28, 2015, the Board of Professional Responsibility (“Board”) filed a petition seeking to amend Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, section 32.9, to allow the Board to share attorney registration information with other Supreme Court agencies such as the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education; the Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection; the Board of Law Examiners; and the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program. By Order filed January 28, 2016, the Court solicited public comments on the Board’s proposed amendment. The Court has received and considered public comments, including comments from the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education, the Board of Law Examiners, the Knoxville Bar Association, and the Tennessee Bar Association. After due consideration, the Court hereby adopts the amendment to Rule 9, section 32.9, of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court, as set out in the attached Appendix. This amendment shall take effect immediately upon the filing of this Order.

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this Order, including the Appendix, to LexisNexis and to Thompson 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

AMENDMENT TO TENN. SUP. CT. R. 9, § 32.9
[New text is indicated by underlining]

Section 32. Confidentiality

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- 32.9** The provisions of this Rule shall not be construed to deny access to relevant information to authorized agencies investigating the qualifications of judicial candidates; or to other jurisdictions investigating qualifications for admission to practice; or to law enforcement agencies investigating qualifications for government employment; or to prevent the Board from reporting evidence of a crime by an attorney or other person to courts or law enforcement agencies; or to prevent the Board from reporting to the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program evidence of a disability that impairs the ability of an attorney to practice or serve; or to prevent the Board or Disciplinary Counsel from making available to the Tennessee Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection information relevant to any claim pending before the Fund; or to prevent the Board from making available all attorney registration information to the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education; the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection; the Board of Law Examiners; and the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program; or to prevent the Board or Disciplinary Counsel from defending any action or proceeding now pending or hereafter brought against either of them. In addition, Chief Disciplinary Counsel shall transmit notice of all public discipline imposed by the Court on an attorney or the transfer to inactive status due to disability of an attorney to the National Discipline Data Bank maintained by the American Bar Association.

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(End of Appendix)