

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

AT NASHVILLE

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**ORDER ESTABLISHING THE SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE
TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC FAIRNESS COMMISSION
AND THE GENDER FAIRNESS COMMISSION
("THE COMMITTEE")**

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Supreme Court recognizes that gender, racial, and ethnic biases are inimical to the effective administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Judicial System must be operated so as to ensure equality of treatment of all persons in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Supreme Court, having received the reports of the Commission on Gender Fairness and the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness (hereinafter collectively "the Commissions"), wishes to implement such of the recommendations of the Commissions as may be within its purview.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that the Tennessee Supreme Court Committee to Implement the Recommendations of the Racial and Ethnic Fairness Commission and the Gender Fairness Commission (hereinafter "the Committee") be established.

Under the direction and supervision of the Supreme Court, the Committee shall be charged with planning, overseeing and monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the Commissions.

Without limiting this general charge, the Court specifically requests that the Committee review the reports of the Commissions and develop a plan for implementing each recommendation. The plan should specify the body responsible for such implementation and offer guidance to the Court, the Tennessee General Assembly, bar associations, law firms, law schools, government agencies and instrumentalities with regard to effective means of

implementing the Commissions' recommendations, as appropriate. Further, the Committee shall establish means for monitoring the progress made by the various implementing bodies and shall report to this Court by April 1, 1999, of its progress.

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The officers of the Committee shall be its co-chairpersons and a secretary. The Court shall appoint the co-chairpersons; the secretary shall be elected by the members of the Committee at its first meeting.

The Court is pleased to appoint Professor Judy Cornett and Monte D. Watkins, Esquire to serve as co-chairpersons of the Committee.

The terms of the officers and members of the Committee shall expire on September 1, 1999. The Court may extend, at its option, the terms of the officers and members if it feels that to do so would be in the best interest of justice.

The Committee shall convene at the call of its co-chairpersons, and shall adopt rules of operation consistent with the provisions of this Order.

Members of the Committee shall not be compensated for their services to the Commission; provided, however, they may be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses in accordance with regulations adopted by the Judicial Department.

The Administrative Office of the Court shall provide reasonable staff support to the Committee.

The Committee is encouraged to prepare and present interim reports to the Court as necessary and practicable to assist in the timely implementation of the recommendations of the Commissions and shall prepare an initial report to the Court not later than eighteen months from the date of this Order.

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