

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: AMENDMENT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 31

Filed: September 18, 2007

Rule 31 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court is hereby amended to eliminate a conflict between Chapter 598, Public Acts of 2007 and Tenn. S. Ct. R. 31 by adding the following new Section 17(i) to Rule 31:

(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 17(h), administrative law judges employed by the Secretary of State, upon meeting the qualifications imposed by this Rule, may be listed as Rule 31 mediators for the limited purpose of conducting special education mediations pursuant to Chapter 598, Public Acts of 2007 and for no other purpose. Any administrative law judge listed as a Rule 31 mediator pursuant to this paragraph is relieved of the reporting requirements imposed by Tenn. S. Ct. R. 31 §§ 5, 10(c)(2) and 18(e) and of the pro bono service requirement imposed by Tenn. S. Ct. R. 31 § 18(d). Any grievance or complaint against an administrative law judge arising from his or her actions as a mediator in a special education mediation shall be governed by Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1360-4-1-.20 and not by Section 11 of this Rule.

The provisions of Rule 31 Section 17(i) will expire July 31, 2008.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

PER CURIAM