

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE**

**IN RE: Amendment to Supreme Court Rule 6**

**Filed April 18, 2002**

**ORDER**

Supreme Court Rule 6, is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting the following instead:

An applicant may seek admission to the bar of this Court by either:

(1) appearing in open court and representing through a reputable member of the bar, that he or she is a citizen of this State, a person of good moral character, has been duly licensed to practice law under the statutes of this State, and intends to practice the profession of law in Tennessee; or

(2) filing with the Clerk an application for admission by affidavit. Such application shall contain:

(A) A personal statement by the applicant that he or she possesses all qualifications and meets all requirements for admission as set out in the preceding paragraph; and

(B) A statement by two sponsors (who must be members of the Bar of this Court and must personally know the applicant) endorsing the correctness of the applicant's statement, stating that the applicant possesses all the qualifications required for admission and affirming that the applicant is of good moral and professional character. Upon timely application and for good cause shown, the Board of Law Examiners, in its discretion, may waive this requirement.

(3) The documents submitted by the applicant shall demonstrate that he or she possesses the necessary qualifications for admission. Upon the applicant's taking the oath or affirmation and paying the fee therefor, the Clerk shall issue a certificate of admission. The fee for admission to the Bar of this Court shall be fixed by the Court. Applications may be filed in the offices of the Clerk at Nashville, Knoxville, or Jackson.

(4) Each applicant for admission shall take the following oath: I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, and that I will truly and honestly demean myself in the practice of my profession to the best of my skill and abilities, so help

me God.

FOR THE COURT:

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Frank F. Drowota, III, Chief Justice