

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

**1. IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO TENNESSEE RULES
OF JUVENILE PROCEDURE**

Filed January 15, 2004

ORDER

In a separate order filed simultaneously with this order, the Court adopted new Rule 8A of the Rules of Appellate Procedure; that new rule establishes certain procedures to expedite appeals in termination of parental rights cases. To facilitate the implementation of Rule 8A of the Rules of Appellate Procedure, the Court adopts the following amendments to Rule 39 of the Rules of Juvenile Procedure, effective July 1, 2004, subject to approval by resolutions of the General Assembly:

1. Add the following sentence to Rule 39(a) as a new unnumbered paragraph, immediately following existing subparagraph (6) In addition to meeting the foregoing requirements, the petition shall contain the following notice: A Any appeal of the trial court 's final disposition of the petition for termination of parental rights will be governed by Rule 8A, Tennessee Rules of Appellate Procedure, which imposes special time limitations for the filing of a transcript or statement of the evidence, the completion and transmission of the record on appeal, and the filing of briefs in the appellate court, as well as other special provisions for expediting the appeal. All parties must review Rule 8A, Tenn. R. App. P., for information concerning the special provisions that apply to any appeal of this case.

2. Add the following new Rule 39(g)(4):

(4) When an appeal is taken from the trial court 's disposition, the court in its discretion may stay its order or otherwise suspend relief or grant whatever additional or modified relief is deemed appropriate during the pendency of the appeal and upon such terms as it deems proper. The trial court 's decision regarding a stay, or other such relief granted pursuant to this subparagraph, may be reviewed by the appellate court pursuant to Rule 7, Tenn. R. App. P.

FOR THE COURT:

FRANK F. DROWOTA, III,

CHIEF JUSTICE