

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND SUPREME COURT RULE 9, SECTIONS 5.1
AND 5.3 PERTAINING TO ADDING LAYPERSONS AS MEMBERS OF
THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY **June 26, 1996**

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FILED

**Cecil Crowson, Jr.
Appellate Court Clerk**

The Board of Professional Responsibility has filed a petition in this Court proposing an amendment to Rule 9, Sections 5.1 and 5.3. The effect of these amendments would be to add a layperson from each grand division to the Board.

The petition has been served upon each state and local bar association president.

The proposed amendment raises an issue of great concern not only to the legal profession but also to the public-at-large. In the interest of providing prompt and fair consideration of this important issue, the Court solicits response from the bar and the public.

Responses must be filed at the Appellate Clerk's Office in Nashville on or before August 6, 1996. Oral argument is set for August 20, 1996, at 11 a.m.

The Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this order to those persons upon whom the petition was served, to the media, and to the petitioner.

Enter this the 26th day of June, 1996.

FOR THE COURT:

ADOLPHO A. BIRCH, JR., Chief Justice