

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Appellate Court Clerk

IN RE: PETITION OF THE TENNESSEE)
LAWYERS CONCERNED FOR LAWYERS,)
INC. TO AMEND TENNESSEE SUPREME)
COURT RULE 9)

No. 01S01-9710-OT-00228

ORDER

The Tennessee Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, Inc., has petitioned the Court to amend Supreme Court Rule 9 and adopt a proposal which would provide for the establishment of a statewide program funded from attorneys' license fees to provide immediate and continuing help to lawyers and judges who suffer from physical or mental disabilities that result from disease, disorder, trauma or age that may impair their ability to practice, without cost to the suffering lawyer or judge.

The proposed amendment raises issues of important public policy. In the interest of providing prompt and fair consideration of this issue, the Court solicits responses from the bar and the public. Written responses must be filed in the Appellate Court Clerk's office in Nashville, Tennessee, on or before February 28, 1998. Oral argument, if deemed appropriate, will be scheduled.

The Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this order to the media and to the petitioner. The petitioner is directed to serve this petition and order on the bar associations of this State.

It is so ORDERED this the 25th day of November, 1997.

FOR THE COURT:

E. Riley Anderson, Chief Justice