

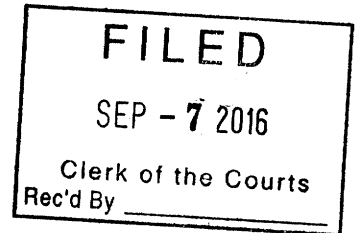
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: RULES 7 AND 9  
RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT

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No. ADM2016-01840

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**ORDER**

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Law Examiners, the Board of Professional Responsibility, and the Commission on Continuing Legal Education, the Court is considering amending Rule 7, section 16.01 and Rule 9, section 30.3 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Court hereby publishes the proposed amendments for public comment and solicits written comments on the proposals from judges, lawyers, interested organizations, and the public. The proposed amendments are set out in the Appendix to this order. The deadline for submitting written comments is October 10, 2016. Written comments should be addressed to

James M. Hivner, Clerk  
RE: Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7 and 9  
100 Supreme Court Building  
401 Seventh Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37219-1407

and should reference the docket number set out above.

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this order to LexisNexis and to Thomson Reuters. This order, including the Appendix, shall be posted on the Court's website.

It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM

## APPENDIX

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TENN. SUP. CT. R. 7 AND 9

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#### **Rule 7, Article XVI. Reinstatement of Law License**

Sec. 16.01. In accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § ~~§10 and 13~~ 30, and R. 21, § 7, an attorney who has been suspended, disbarred or assumed inactive status and who wishes to take the bar examination to establish proof of competency and learning in the law must first petition for reinstatement pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 30 and/or file an application for reinstatement pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 21 § 7. If the Court orders the applicant's successful completion of the bar exam, then the applicant as evidence of the attorney's fitness to practice law, must apply for examination as provided in section 3.03 of this Rule, and attach to the application a disclosure that the application is being submitted pursuant to this section 16.01.

#### **Rule 9, § 30.3. Reinstatement from Administrative Suspension or Inactive Status**

(i) The Court may require an attorney seeking reinstatement from suspension or inactive status under any of the foregoing provisions and who has remained suspended or inactive for more than five years before the filing of a petition for reinstatement and/or application for reinstatement to establish proof of competency and learning in law which proof may include certification by the Board of Law Examiners of the successful completion of an examination for admission to practice subsequent to the date of disbarment, suspension or transfer to inactive status, and to establish proof of compliance with all other applicable rules and regulations.