

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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**IN RE: PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF AMENDED TENNESSEE
RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

No. M2009-00979-SC-RL1-RL

ORDER

On May 13, 2009, the Tennessee Bar Association (“TBA”) filed a petition asking this Court to adopt amended Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct, the ethics rules applicable to Tennessee lawyers. The TBA’s proposed amended rules are set out in Exhibit A to the petition. Exhibit B to the petition is a “redlined” version comparing the proposed new rules to the current Rules of Professional Conduct set out in Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 8. Exhibit C to the petition is a “redlined” version comparing the TBA’s proposals to the American Bar Association’s current Model Rules of Professional Conduct, upon which the TBA’s proposed amendments are based. A copy of the TBA’s petition (including Exhibits A - C) is attached to this order.

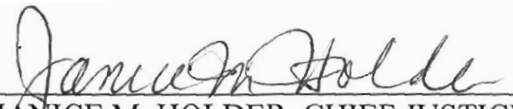
Adopting the TBA’s proposed amendments would result in a comprehensive revision of the current Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. In light of the important public policy issues raised by the petition, the Court hereby solicits written comments regarding the TBA’s proposed amendments from judges, lawyers, bar associations, members of the public, and any other interested parties. The deadline for submitting written comments is Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Written comments should be addressed to:

Mike Catalano, Clerk
Tennessee Appellate Courts
100 Supreme Court Building
401 7th Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37219-1407

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this order, including the attached Petition and Exhibits thereto, to LexisNexis and to Thomson-West. In addition, this order, including the attached Petition and Exhibits thereto, shall be posted on the Tennessee Supreme Court's website. The Court also directs the TBA to serve a copy of this order on the individuals and organizations listed in Exhibit D to the petition; because the TBA previously served the Petition and Exhibits on those individuals and organizations, the TBA, in serving a copy of this order, is not required to include the attachments to the order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:



JANICE M. HOLDER, CHIEF JUSTICE