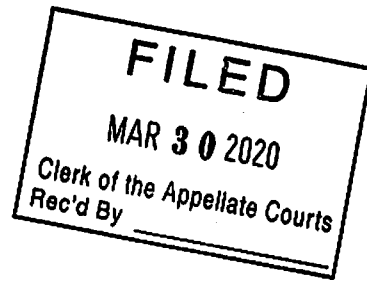


**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE**

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**IN RE: PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF A NEW  
TENN. SUP. CT. R. 8, RPC 1.15(f)**

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**No. ADM2019-02079**

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**REQUEST OF THE TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME TO COMMENT**

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The Tennessee Bar Association (“TBA”), by and through its President, Sarah Sheppard; General Counsel, Edward Lanquist; Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs, Berkley Schwarz; and Executive Director, Joycelyn Stevenson, respectfully requests an extension of time, until June 8, 2020, in which to file written comments on the proposal to amend Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 8, RPC 1.15 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court by adopting a new RPC 1.15(f).

On December 3, 2019, this Honorable Court published notice that the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility (BPR) and the Tennessee Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection (TLFCP) filed a petition asking the Court to amend Rule 8, RPC 1.15 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court by adopting a new RPC 1.15(f). At that time, the Court solicited written comments from judges, lawyers, bar associations, members of the public, and other interested parties concerning the proposed amendments. A deadline of February 3, 2020 was established.

On January 28, 2020, the TBA filed a motion asking the Court to extend the deadline. After due consideration, the Court granted the motion and extended the deadline for submitting written comments to Friday, April 3, 2020.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on many lawyers' ability to continue to perform their work as usual, the TBA's Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility was not able to meet to finalize their draft written comments, and they feel that they need more time to fully consider these matters. The TBA is requesting that the deadline for all parties to comment on the proposed changes to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 8 be extended by 60 days until June 3, 2020. The TBA believes with the extension, it will be able to provide a comprehensive and constructive comment. Therefore, the TBA respectfully requests this extension of time.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the individuals and organizations identified in Exhibit "A" by email, within seven (7) days of filing with the Court.

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