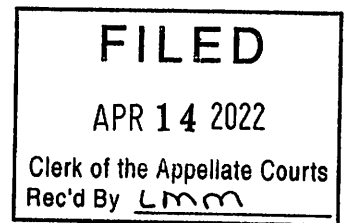


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



**IN RE: AMENDMENT OF RULE 21, RULES OF THE TENNESSEE
SUPREME COURT**

No. ADM2020-01159

ORDER

On August 28, 2020, the Nashville Bar Association (“NBA”) filed a petition asking the Court to amend Rule 21, section 3.01(a) of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court to require each attorney to complete two hours of the annual fifteen hours of required continuing legal education in diversity, inclusion, equity, and elimination of bias. By Order filed September 28, 2020, the Court published the NBA’s proposed amendment for public comment with a comment deadline of December 30, 2020. By Order filed December 2, 2020, the Court extended the comment deadline until March 3, 2021.

The Court has received fifty-seven comments from members of the bar, members of the public, and organizations. The Court appreciates the interest of the bar and the public in this issue and the comments provided.

The Court has carefully considered the NBA’s proposed amendment and the comments received. The Court recognizes the importance of ensuring that our judicial system and the legal profession are free from bias or prejudice and encouraging related continuing legal education. However, on due consideration, the Court declines to make continuing legal education in diversity, inclusion, equity, and elimination of bias mandatory. The NBA’s petition to amend Rule 21, section 3.01(a) is therefore respectfully DENIED. It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM