IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE



IN RE: PETITION TO ADOPT A NEW RULE OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF COLLABORATIVE FAMILY LAW

No. ADM2017-01195

ORDER

On June 13, 2017, the Tennessee Bar Association filed a petition seeking to amend the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court to add a new rule which would address the practice of "Collaborative Family Law." By Order filed August 22, 2017, the Court solicited written public comments to the proposed new rule. The Court received written public comments from the Board of Professional Responsibility, the Nashville Bar Association, the Knoxville Bar Association, the Middle Tennessee Collaborative Alliance, individual attorneys, and individual non-attorneys. By Order filed January 9, 2018, the Court directed the Tennessee Bar Association to respond to the written public comments, and it did so on February 9, 2018.

Having carefully considered the matter, the Court directs the Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission to formally comment on this proposed new rule. A copy of the petition with the proposed new rule is attached as an Appendix to this Order. The comments shall be submitted on or before Monday, August 6, 2018, and may be e-mailed to appellatecourtclerk@tncourts.gov or mailed to:

James M. Hivner, Clerk Re: Collaborative Family Law Tennessee Appellate Courts 100 Supreme Court Building 401 7th Avenue North Nashville, TN 37219-1407

The comments should reference the docket number set out above. The Clerk shall provide a copy of this order, including the appendix, to LexisNexis and to Thomson Reuters. In addition, this order, including the appendix, shall be posted on the Tennessee Supreme Court's website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

PER CURIAM

APPENDIX

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FILED BY

THE TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION