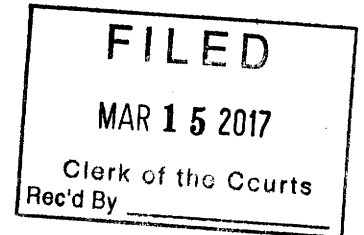


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: AMENDMENT OF RULE 7, SECTIONS 5.01 AND 10.01,
RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT

No. ADM2017-00489



ORDER

Upon the recommendation of the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners (the “TBLE”), the Court is considering amending Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7, sections 5.01(i) and 10.01(j), which govern the admission and licensing of attorneys in this State. The TBLE states that the amendments are necessary: (1) to ensure internal consistency throughout these rules; (2) to ensure that these rules are consistent with relevant statutory provisions and with the TBLE’s policies and procedures, which have been approved by this Court; and (3) to expand the provisions of the rules related to licensing of attorneys admitted in other jurisdictions in consideration of the increased mobility and relocation of lawyers. The proposed amendments are set out in the attached Appendix.

The Court hereby solicits written comments from judges, lawyers, bar associations, members of the public, and any other interested parties. The deadline for submitting written comments is Friday, April 14, 2017. Written comments may be e-mailed to appellatecourtclerk@tncourts.gov or mailed to:

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Re: Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7
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and 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

Proposed Amendments to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7, sections 5.01(i) and 10.01(j)

(proposed new text indicated by underlining;
proposed deleted text indicated by ~~overstriking~~)

Sec. 5.01. Minimum Requirements for Admission of Persons Admitted in Other Jurisdictions.

(i) **Transitional Provision.** ~~From January 1, 2016, and continuing through December 31, 2016,~~ The Board is authorized to exercise its discretion in adjudicating any pending applications for comity admission that have not been finally ruled upon as of the effective date (January 1, 2016) of this revised Rule filed by December 31, 2016. Such discretion includes waiving or altering time periods or otherwise varying the provisions for admission by comity, and the Board shall tailor such discretion toward granting the applicant's application for comity admission as long as the Board otherwise reaches the conclusion that the lawyer possesses the character and fitness to practice law in this jurisdiction.

Sec. 10.01. Registration of In-house Counsel.

(j) A lawyer seeking to practice in this State under the authority of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 8, RPC 5.5(d)(1) and who complies fully with the requirements of this Rule on or before ~~July 1~~ December 31, 2016, shall not be barred from registration under this Rule, admission pursuant to Article V of this Rule, or from practicing under the authority of RPC 5.5(d)(1) solely by the fact of prior noncompliance with Tennessee law concerning licensure of in-house counsel.

[end of Appendix]