

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

**IN RE: AMENDMENT TO TENNESSEE
 RULES OF EVIDENCE**

Filed: January 2, 2007

ORDER

The Court adopts the attached amendment effective July 1, 2007, subject to approval by resolutions of the General Assembly. The rule amended is as follows:

RULE 501 PRIVILEGES RECOGNIZED ONLY AS PROVIDED.

FOR THE COURT:

**WILLIAM M. BARKER
CHIEF JUSTICE**

TENNESSEE RULES OF EVIDENCE

RULE 501

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[amend existing Advisory Commission Comment (1999) as follows:]

Advisory Commission Comment

[In Advisory Commission Comment (1999), insert between “News Reporter’s Privilege” and “Psychiatrist-Patient Privilege” the following new reference to another privilege statute:]

**T.C.A. §63-22-114. PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR/MARITAL AND
FAMILY THERAPIST/CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPIST–CLIENT
PRIVILEGE**

The confidential relations and communications between licensed marital and family therapists, licensed professional counselors or certified clinical pastoral therapists and clients are placed upon the same basis as those provided by law between attorney and client, and nothing in this part shall be construed to require any such privileged communication to be disclosed. However, nothing contained within this section shall be construed to prevent disclosures of confidential communications in proceedings arising under title 37, chapter 1, part 4 concerning mandatory child abuse reports.