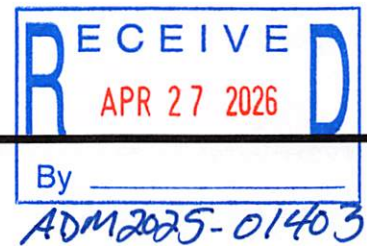


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IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON POTENTIAL REGULATORY REFORMS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO QUALITY LEGAL REPRESENTATION

No. ADM2025-01403

Greetings Honorable Tennessee Supreme Court,

My name is Bruce Victor Friedman. White Station HS class of 1977. Vanderbilt 1981 BA. ACSA Cotton School 1997. Concord Law School 2006. I am licensed to practice law in the state of California only.

I live in Memphis, TN and plan to remain here for the remainder of my life.

I applied to the Cecil C. Humphrey's School of Law here in Memphis around 2002. I was informed they would not consider my application as long as I continued running my business. I understand this restriction has been revised, but at the time it was sacrosanct.

I own Southern States Forwarding, Inc. (SSF) located here in Memphis, TN and it has provided nicely for my employees, my family, and myself through the years.

Concord Law School was online; a non ABA accredited program. It is now part of Purdue. I passed the California Bar on my first attempt. I am a firm believer that you get out of school what you put into it.

During my internet law school matriculation, I clerked for Judge Kay Robilio. She as well as Judge Bob Benham insisted I petition your honorable court to grant an exception for me to be allowed to practice law in Tennessee. It was denied, and at the time, my heart was not in it.

I have been allowed to represent clients here in Tennessee on a *Pro Hac Vice* basis a couple of times over the years. I have been admitted to practice in the Federal Courts for the Western District of Tennessee. At one point, when being a member of the Tennessee Bar was not a requirement for being in-house counsel, I considered working at Ardent Music/Recording/Studio.

A week does not go by without someone approaching me with a legal issue. Below is my standard, cut and paste reply:

"I am not licensed to practice law in Tennessee. The contents of this communication in no way constitutes legal advice and is the opinion of the sender, only. Please do not construe the substance of this communication to be consistent with legal advice and if you have any questions, concerns, or comments please seek advice from a local Attorney from your States' Bar Association."

If I were allowed to practice law in Tennessee, I definitely would make a difference. Maybe not as great as my Dad's brother, (my uncle) Jay Fred Friedman, but substantial nevertheless.

Regarding: ADM2025-01403 : Tennessee Lawyer Regulatory Reform

1. Denying a candidate the ability to practice law in Tennessee based on where he/she attended school hurts the citizens of this state because this rule prohibits qualified applicants from getting a chance.

If a person can pass the bar and prove him/herself as an apprentice over a period of time, why shouldn't they be given the opportunity?

2. If the schooling or anything else in an applicant's background is questionable, establish a procedure to test their qualifications. Such as:

An apprentice requirement for 2 years.

Heightened scrutiny of their practice.

Increased/additional CLE requirements.

Mandatory Pro Bono, legal assistance hours per month or year.

If I were in your shoes, I'd be thinking this is a bad idea because there are enough problems with the attorneys already allowed to practice, and by lowering the standards, the number and percentage of poor/unethical attorneys will only increase.

However, the state of Tennessee requires more legal assistance.

I believe you possess the wisdom and skill to open the door wider, but limit the additional entrants to candidates with the needed capabilities, talent, drive, and desire to improve the quality of legal representation in Tennessee.

Thank you for taking the time to read my diatribe and for considering the merits of this plea,

Respectfully,

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Friends:

Tennessee has a once-in-a-generation chance for lawyer regulatory reform — but only if the Court hears from us. Please email the Court **by Thursday, April 30**, to urge action. We've made it easy.

Last September, the Tennessee Supreme Court issued an Order on Tennessee's access-to-justice crisis, soliciting "Public Comments on Potential Regulatory Reforms to Increase Access to Quality Legal Representation."

The Court invited comment from everyone, inside and outside Tennessee, on the *full* range of possible reforms, including:

- Alternative pathways to licensure
- Increased lawyer mobility and greater licensure reciprocity
- Limited licensure for nonlawyers, such as paralegals and community justice workers
- Repealing bans on nonlawyer ownership and fee-sharing

An informal group of us Tennessee lawyers has submitted comments supporting reforms across nearly every area the Court raised (except ABA law school accreditation), plus broader court reform and UPL reform to authorize AI-assisted legal help.

My ask: email the Court today at appellatecourtclerk@tncourts.gov.

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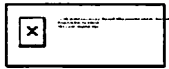
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Deadline: Thursday, April 30. Please act today.

Thanks for your help. It's time for reform. Help us make it happen in Tennessee.

Best,

Lucian

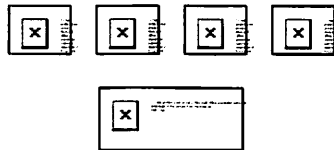


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