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To whom it may concern,

I support this amendment. On numerous occasions I have had opposing parties, some who were even represented by counsel, reach out to my personal cell phone number through having this information accessible. Often this was at non-business hours.

I have received death threats from opposing parties in some cases, and I know many other lawyers who have as well. Personal residence information needs to be private. It is prudent given the potential for highly emotional reactions of opposing parties in tough cases. We live in a volatile, unpredictable world. This amendment is well needed to protect the members of the legal profession.

Last – I am a young attorney (licensed 2019). When I applied to take the Bar Exam the Board naturally requested all my personal information. It was never disclosed or noted in the application that the personal information I provided would ultimately be the same information that would be sent to the general register for all Tennessee attorney's contact information. Hence, the Board asks for my personal phone number – I naturally provide it because I need to take the bar exam – and then a few months later my personal cell phone number gets published on the Tennessee Bar Attorney Contact information as my primary contact (which it is not – our office number is my primary contact). Implementation of the amendment to this rule needs to ensure it protects newly added members to the Bar from inadvertently having their information published.

I hope this input is helpful. Feel free to contact me if further input is needed.

All the best,

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I would like to add my support for the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility's Petition in this matter. Tragic events of recent years have highlighted the need for protection of the privacy of judges, attorneys and their families. Amending the Rule as proposed will allow a measure of assurance that the most invasive (and potentially dangerous) interactions with the public may be reduced.

Thanks.

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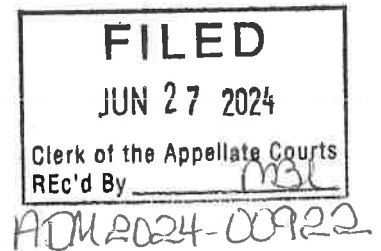
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Mr. Hivner,

I just read about the above proposal to amend Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, section 10.1 in the TBA Today. There was no docket number provided. Please show me as being in support of the amendment.

Sincerely yours,

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Feedback: I fully support the petition to keep personal attorney information protected. I maintain the expense of a post office box specifically so there is no chance my residential address becomes viewable.

Additionally, many attorneys work now from their residences which was not the norm when the present rule was originally drafted. Thank you.

—Doni Porteous
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May it please the Court:

I am writing to express my support for amending the rules so that attorney contact information is confidential and not publicly available (at least not readily so).

I support a listing featuring the attorney's name and the status of the attorney's license. And perhaps, for good cause shown, the Court could construe a method to disclose such information to a party, if merited. I can also see an option allowing attorneys to opt in to sharing their public address, but not requiring it. However, given increasing cyber security issues and what seems to be an increase in violence/anger towards the legal/judicial system and its participants, it seems prudent to shield this valuable and vulnerable information from the public, at least online. I can also imagine in situations involving domestic violence or other similarly dangerous situations, an attorney, though bound by the rules to keep his/her information current with the Board, may choose not to do so out of fear for personal safety.

Currently, I have my work address posted, but there have been times in the past where I was self-employed and my home address was posted. Due to the sensitive nature of my job, and the potential for angry plaintiffs or insureds, my own company does not even post my name or bio online. Yet the board's website does. While I have never been comfortable with that information being so readily available, it did not seem like there is an alternative. There should be.

I understand that there are various ways that a person could obtain potential contact information for a lawyer, but I feel that the Board should not be an unwitting accomplice in providing accurate contact information to someone who may intend harm to an attorney.

Thank you for your time,
Erika Roberts



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I am in support of the proposed change. My practice is 95%+ working for other lawyers making court appearances, and I have no need for a public office. I maintain a mailbox at a local UPS store for the sole purpose of not having my home address be public information. This will make my practice more efficient and reduce costs.

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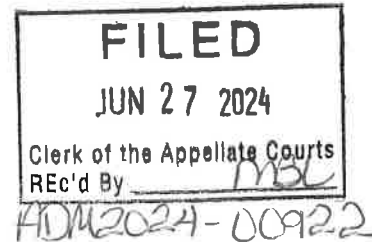
Regarding the request for Comments Sought on Proposal to Make Attorney Contact Information Private, if Judges and Court Administrators' personal information is currently private, then this should extend to attorneys as well as they too are officers of the court and have personal lives, property, and loved ones that should be protected. Privacy increases the safety and security of attorneys and I very much recommend that this information be made private.

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Good morning!

With regard to this recent order, I sincerely hope that the Tennessee Supreme Court does enter an order to amend the rule to classify as confidential and not public record the personal addresses and contact information Tennessee attorneys provide to the board. Cell phones and other forms of "instant" communications have increased expectations to the point that everyone is expected to be instantly available to everyone else. I believe that lawyers, like doctors and other professionals, need to have some reasonable measure of privacy and protection of the sanctity of their homes. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks!

-Rob Hill

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Dear Clerk Hivner,

I am writing in support of the proposed amendment that would make the personal contact information of attorneys confidential and not publicly available. While I have never personally had someone contact me at my personal residence or home phone, I have always been concerned that someone with bad intent would have such easy access to this information.

I practice in the field of consumer bankruptcy. I have had, during the last 25 years, something like 10,000 clients. That is a large number. Due to the nature of my practice, I enjoy a good relationship with my clients in an environment in which I am helping them get free from debt. However, in dealing with that many people from all walks of life, eventually someone could get upset and "track me down" at my house.

Thank you for your consideration,

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I respectfully support the proposed amendment.

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