

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the
Appellate Courts

IN RE: NEW SUPREME COURT RULE 57 - SANCTIONS

No. ADM2026-00106

ORDER

The Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court are amended by the addition of Rule 57 to provide for sanctions that may be imposed on an attorney, a law firm, or a party for behavior before the Court, as set forth below.

Rule 57. Sanctions

(a) After a separately filed motion or on the Court's own initiative with a reasonable opportunity to respond, the Court may impose sanctions on an attorney, a law firm, or a party for:

1. the willful or unreasonable violation of these Rules, the Tennessee Rules of Appellate Procedure, or the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct; or
2. the filing of any proceeding, motion, brief, or other document that is frivolous, disrespectful, contumacious, deceptive, in bad faith, or solely designed to delay, harass, or cause needless expense.

(b) Sanctions imposed under this Rule may include reprimand, contempt, striking of briefs or other filings, prospective filing restrictions or prohibitions, dismissal of proceedings, costs, attorneys' fees, referral to the Board of Professional Responsibility, or other sanctions that the Court deems proper.

(c) If a sanction is imposed, the Court will set forth the reasons and basis for the sanction in its opinion or in a separate written order.

This amendment shall take effect immediately upon the filing of this Order.

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this Order and the Appendix to LexisNexis and to Thomson Reuters. In addition, this Order and the Appendix shall be posted on the Tennessee Supreme Court's website.

It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM