

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: PETITION OF THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION TO AMEND TENNESSEE
SUPREME COURT RULE 21 GOVERNING THE REQUIREMENTS OF
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

No. ADM2020-01728

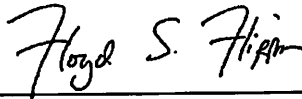
**COMMENT OF THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL
RESPONSIBILITY TO AMENDMENTS TO TENNESSEE
SUPREME COURT RULE 21**

The Board of Professional Responsibility (the Board) pursuant to Order filed January 15, 2021, submits the following comment to proposed amendments to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 21.

The proposed amendments to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 21 §4.07 restores to Rule 21 three hours of ethics and professionalism credit for service on the Board or as a hearing committee member. The Board supports this proposed amendment with appreciation for the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education’s recognition of the service provided by the Board and its hearing committee members for which they receive no compensation.¹

¹ In Fiscal Year 2019/2020, Board Members volunteered 584 hours and Hearing Committee Members volunteered 2,436 hours. Board of Professional Responsibility’s 39th Annual Discipline Report, p. 1 (2020).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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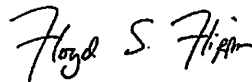
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I certify that the foregoing has been emailed to Joycelyn Ashanti Stevenson, Esq., Executive Director, Tennessee Bar Association, at jstevenson@tnbar.org, on this the 16th day of March 2021.

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Re: No. ADM2020-01728

Dear Mr. Hivner:

I am writing to you and the Tennessee Supreme Court on behalf of the Knoxville Bar Association (KBA) Board of Governors regarding the petition of the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education to amend TENN. SUP. CT. R. 21.

The KBA's Professionalism Committee carefully considered the Court's Order and recommended that the KBA Board of Governors object to the change in Section 6.01 concerning the method by which the Commission may send compliance statements "through the Commission's website." The Board of Governors considered the proposed changes and discussed member concerns that the Commission's website is not clearly designed to indicate compliance status and that it is often confusing to members of the bar. At its meeting on February 19, 2021. The Board of Governors voted unanimously to object to the proposed language that would permit the CLE Commission's compliance statement to be provided "through the Commission's website."

As always, the KBA appreciates the invitation to consider and comment on proposed rules changes.

Sincerely,

Cheryl G. Rice, President
Knoxville Bar Association

cc: Marsha Watson, KBA Executive Director (via e-mail)

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