

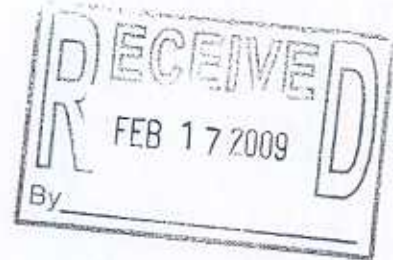
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February 12, 2009

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Dear Mr. Catalano:

I serve as General Counsel for Thomas & Betts Corporation which is headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee. I endorse the long overdue proposed Tennessee Supreme Court Rule allowing for the registration of in-house counsel in lieu of a Tennessee license. The attorneys on our Company's in-house staff are required to advise in the areas of patents, trademarks, SEC filings, New York Stock Exchange rules, Sarbanes Oxley requirements, federal EEOC and labor law, and federal environmental laws, among other areas.

It has proven very difficult to recruit in-house counsel for these areas of practice with the present limitations. Obviously, these specialized areas are not grounded in Tennessee common or statutory law, and the requirement of a Tennessee license does not ensure the competency required in these areas.

All work performed by the in-house attorneys is for the corporate entities and a valid admission in another jurisdiction is required not only as a matter of policy but also as a requirement of the malpractice coverage we secure for the in-house counsel.

I strongly urge the adoption of the proposed rule.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.N. Raines".

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Bar Registration No. 8121

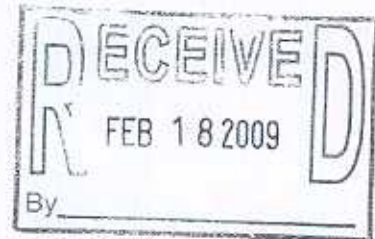
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February 11, 2009

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Dear Sir:

I am in-house litigation counsel for International Paper, in Memphis. When I joined IP, I was fortunate enough to already be a member of the Tennessee Bar. I am a native Tennessean, I attended law school at Vanderbilt University, and I have always practiced in Tennessee.

Many of my colleagues were not similarly situated. In fact, most were not. Though they are all excellent attorneys, extremely knowledgeable in their fields, moving to Tennessee to advance their careers required them to become full members of the Tennessee bar. While the rule against unlicensed attorneys appearing in court in Tennessee serves as an excellent protection to the public, it would be extremely rare for an in-house attorney at IP to make an appearance in a Tennessee court.

Therefore, I am writing in support of the proposed amendment to Supreme Court Rule 7, Article X. This amendment will make Tennessee a more attractive location for corporate headquarters while maintaining the measures that prevent unlicensed and unregulated attorneys from appearing in our courts.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY



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February 25, 2009

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Dear Mr. Catalano,

I am writing in support of *Proposed New Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7, §10.01*. Along with other local corporate General Counsel, we have advocated adoption of this rule for many years. By adopting this proposed rule, Tennessee will join 38 other states which have already approved various forms of the ABA Model Rule to address the multijurisdictional practice needs of companies.

As General Counsel of a rapidly growing biopharmaceutical company based in Memphis, I know first hand that in order to gather the best legal talent for our expanding legal department, GTx would benefit from the American Bar Association's Model Rule for Registration of In-House Counsel. As much of our business revolves around federal law issues, including Patent and FDA laws, rules and regulations, it is difficult to find qualified candidates within the state of Tennessee, especially those who have experience within these areas of law.

I hope this proposed amended rule is adopted soon.

Sincerely,



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