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IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF  
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Dear Mike:

Attached please find an original and six copies of the Comment of the Tennessee Bar Association in reference to the above matter.

As always, thank you for your cooperation. I remain,

Very truly yours,

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AT NASHVILLE



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ADOPTION OF AMENDED ) No. M2010-02492-SC-RL1-RL  
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COMMENT OF THE TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION

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The Tennessee Bar Association (“TBA”), by and through its President, Sam D. Elliott; General Counsel, William L. Harbison; and Executive Director, Allan F. Ramsaur, supports the adoption of the amendments proposed in the Appendix in this matter.

On December 16, 2010, this Court published for comment proposed amendments to TN. Sup.Ct. R. 31. The apparent import of those amendments is to require reports of mediations in all eligible civil actions, not just those under an order of reference.

With the increasing number of matters which are mediated without an order of reference, it is the view of the TBA that on balance the requirement that mediation reports be filed in all such matters has merit and could lead to better allocation of judicial and other resources.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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