



TENNESSEE BAR  
ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT

Jackie Dixon  
424 Church Street  
Suite 2260  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219  
(615) 986-3377  
FAX (615) 635-0018  
Email: jdixon@wmdlawgroup.com

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Cindy Wyrick  
P.O. Box 5365  
Sevierville, Tennessee 37862  
(865) 453-2866  
FAX (865) 429-1540  
Email: cwyrick@ogrlawfirm.com

VICE PRESIDENT

Jonathan Steen  
464 North Parkway, Suite A  
Jackson, Tennessee 38305  
(731) 660-2332  
FAX (731) 664-1109  
Email: jsteen@rsllawfirm.com

TREASURER

Sherie Edwards  
P.O. Box 1065  
Brentwood, Tennessee 37024  
(615) 846-8205  
FAX (615) 846-6070  
Email: sheriee@svmic.com

SECRETARY

Jason Pannu  
424 Church Street  
Suite 2500  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219-8615  
(615)259-1366  
Fax: (615)259-1389  
Email: jpannu@lewisking.com

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Danny Van Horn

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dan Berexa, Nashville  
Tasha Blakney, Knoxville  
Carl Carter, Memphis  
Jason Creasy, Dyersburg  
James Crumlin, Nashville  
Kim Helper, Franklin  
Bobby Hibbett, Lebanon  
The Honorable Robert Holloway, Columbia  
Frank Johnstone, Kingsport  
Jason Long, Knoxville  
David McDowell, Chattanooga  
Andrew Sellers, Jackson  
Michelle Sellers, Jackson  
Charles Trotter, Huntingdon  
Chris Varner, Chattanooga  
David Veile, Franklin  
Guy Wilkinson, Camden  
Randall York, Cookeville

GENERAL COUNSEL

Paul Ney, Nashville

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Allan F. Ramsaur, Nashville  
Email: aramsaur@tnbar.org

January 2, 2013

The Honorable Michael Catalano  
Clerk, Tennessee Supreme Court  
Supreme Court Building, Room 100  
401 Seventh Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37219

IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND RULE 21,  
SECTION 4.07  
(MENTORING EXPERIENCES)

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,

Allan F. Ramsaur  
Executive Director

cc: Jackie Dixon, President, Tennessee Bar Association  
Angelia Nystrom, Chair, TBA CLE Committee  
Paul Ney, TBA General Counsel  
Service List



Tennessee Bar Center  
221 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 400  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219-2198  
(615) 383-7421 • (800) 899-6993  
FAX (615) 297-8058  
www.tba.org

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

JAN - 2 2013

IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND )  
RULE 21, SECTION 4.07 ) No. M2010-00913-SC-RL1-RL  
(MENTORING EXPERIENCES) )  
)

---

**FURTHER COMMENT OF THE TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION**

---

The Tennessee Bar Association (“TBA”), by and through its President, Jacqueline B. Dixon; Chair, TBA CLE Committee, Angelia M. Nystrom; General Counsel, Paul C. Ney; and Executive Director, Allan F. Ramsaur, reiterates its support for amendments to the continuing legal education rule and adoption of regulations to permit CLE credit for mentoring and reiterates its support for up to of twelve (12) hours of annual CLE credit for such experiences.

This matter has been pending before this Honorable Court since April 2010. The Court has twice published the proposal for comment. The Commission has formally published proposed rules on three occasions.

Beginning with the initiation of this matter in the spring of 2010, the TBA has supported the establishment of a program to give CLE credit to both mentors and beginning lawyers. In filings, in July 2010, in December, 2010 and February, 2011, the TBA has steadfastly maintained its support for the proposal.

The TBA has consistently urged that a minimum of twelve (12) hours of CLE credit is needed for participation in the program. Annually, a lawyer participating as a mentor will spend more than forty (40) hours of otherwise billable time becoming certified and mentoring a beginning lawyer. The beginning lawyer and mentor will spend one-on-one time, study of topics and participate in other activities consuming no fewer than thirty (30) hours. Thus, any consideration by the Court further reducing the number of hours annual CLE credit to six (6) would render the program even much less likely to be successful. For further on this topic, the Court may wish to refer to the February 2, 2011 supplemental comment of the Tennessee Bar Association.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

By: /s/ by permission \_\_\_\_\_

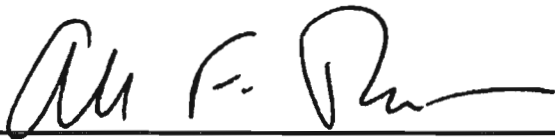
JACQUELINE B. DIXON (012054)  
President, Tennessee Bar Association  
Weatherly, McNally & Dixon PLC  
424 Church Street, Suite 2260  
Nashville, TN 37219  
(615) 986-3377

By: /s/ by permission \_\_\_\_\_

ANGELIA M. NYSTROM (016222)  
Chair, Tennessee Bar Association  
CLE Committee  
University of Tennessee  
600 Andy Holt Tower  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37996  
(865) 974-8634

By: /s/ by permission \_\_\_\_\_

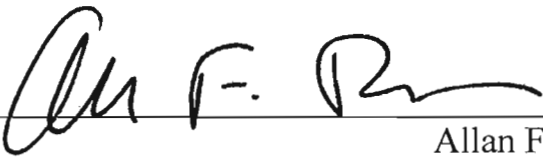
PAUL C. NEY (007012)  
General Counsel,  
Tennessee Bar Association  
Waddey & Patterson  
1600 Division Street, Suite 500  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203  
(615) 242-2400

By: 

ALLAN F. RAMSAUR (5764)  
Executive Director,  
Tennessee Bar Association  
Tennessee Bar Center  
221 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 400  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219-2198  
(615) 383-7421

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the individuals and organizations identified in Exhibit "A" by regular U.S. Mail, postage prepaid within seven (7) days of filing with the Court.

  
Allan F. Ramsaur

Heidi Barcus  
Knoxville Bar Association  
607 Market Street, Suite 900  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Russell Blair  
McMinn-Meigs County Bar  
Association  
P.O. Box 804  
Etowah, TN 37331

Mark Blakley  
Scott County Bar Association  
P O Box 240  
Huntsville, TN 37756

Ben Boston  
Lawrence County Bar Association  
P O Box 357  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

Christopher Brown  
Bradley County Bar Association  
3041 Sidco Drive  
Nashville, TN 37204

Bill Brown  
Jefferson County Bar Association  
PO Box 1001  
Cleveland, TN 37364

Diana Burns  
Rutherford-Cannon County Bar Assn.  
20 Public Square N. Room 202  
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

John Cannon  
Memphis Bar Association  
22 N. Front Street, Suite 850  
Memphis, TN 38013

Kirk Caraway  
Memphis Bar Association  
80 Monroe Ave Ste 650  
Memphis, TN 38103

William Cockett  
Johnson County Bar Association  
PO Box 108  
Mountain City, TN 37683

Bill Coley  
Knoxville Bar Association  
P O Box 869  
Knoxville, TN 37901

Doug Collins  
Hamblen County Bar Association  
P O Box 1223  
Morristown, TN 37816

Daryl Colson  
Overton County Bar Association  
808 North Church St  
Livingston, TN 38570

Bratten Cook  
DeKalb County Bar Association  
104 N 3rd St  
Smithville, TN 37166

Terri Crider  
Gibson County Bar Association  
P.O. Box 160  
Humboldt, TN 38343

Robert Curtis  
Giles County Bar Association  
P.O. Box 517  
Pulaski, TN 38478

Creed Daniel  
Grainger County Bar Association  
P O Box 6  
Rutledge, TN 37861

Wade Davies  
Knoxville Bar Association  
PO Box 1126  
Knoxville, TN 37901

Jason Davis  
Morgan County Bar Association  
520 North Ellington Parkway  
Lewisburg, TN 37091

Michael Davis  
Marshall County/Twelfth Judicial  
District Bar Association  
PO Box 925  
Wartburg, TN 37887

Dilliha  
Robertson County Bar Association  
516 S. Main Street  
Springfield, TN 37172

William Douglas  
Lauderdale County Bar Association  
P O Box 489  
Ripley, TN 38063

Joseph Ford  
Franklin County Bar Association  
17 S College St  
Winchester, TN 37398

Andrew Frazier  
Benton County Bar Association  
P O Box 208  
Camden, TN 38320

Anne Fritz  
Memphis Bar Association  
80 Monroe Suite 220  
Memphis, TN 38103

James Gass  
Sevier County Bar Association  
PO Box 5365  
Sevierville, TN 37864

Tish Holder  
Hickman County Bar Association  
820 Hwy 100  
Centerville, TN 37033

Chuck Holliday  
Jackson-Madison-Henderson County  
Bar Association  
65 Stonebridge Blvd.  
Jackson, TN 38305

Jason Holly  
Carter County Bar Association  
415 Hudson Dr  
Elizabethton, TN 37643--2881

Lynda Hood  
Chattanooga Bar Association  
801 Broad St Suite 420 Pioneer Bldg  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Carmon Hooper  
Haywood County Bar Association  
P O Box 55  
Brownsville, TN 38012

Jay Ingram  
Sumner County Bar Association  
117 E Main St  
Gallatin, TN 37066

Christopher Keeton  
Coffee County Bar Association  
401 MURFREESBORO HWY  
MANCHESTER, TN 37355-1580

Randy Kennedy  
Nashville Bar Association  
625 Anderson St  
Bristol, TN 37620

Michael King  
Knoxville Bar Association  
PO Box 900  
Knoxville, TN 37901

John Kitch  
Nashville Bar Association  
2300 21st Ave S Ste 305  
Nashville, TN 37212

David Kozlowski  
Maury County Bar Association  
P.O. Box 1256  
Columbia, TN 38402

Gerald Largen  
Roane County Bar Association  
PO Box 266  
Kingston, TN 37763

William Lawson  
Unicoi County Bar Association  
P O Box 16  
Erwin, TN 37650

William Locke  
Warren County Bar Association  
111 So Courthouse Sq  
Mc Minnville, TN 37110

Charles London  
Washington County Bar Association  
P.O. Box 1160  
Johnson City, TN 37605

Ira Long  
Chattanooga Bar Association  
1205 Tallan Building  
Two Union Square  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Matt Maddox  
Carroll County Bar Association  
P O Box 827  
Huntingdon, TN 38344

Bob Mendes  
Nashville Bar Association  
150 3rd Ave So Ste 1900  
Nashville, TN 37201

Timothy Mickel  
Chattanooga Bar Association  
One Central Plaza. Suite 800,  
835 Georgia Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

John Miles  
Obion County Bar Association  
P O Box 8  
Union City, TN 38281

Robin Miller  
Chattanooga Bar Association  
PO Box 1749  
Chattanooga, TN 37401

William Mitchell  
White County Bar Association  
112 South Main Street  
Sparta, TN 38583

Cathy Morton  
Blount County Bar Association  
PO Box 4397  
Maryville, TN 37802

Charles Morton  
Williamson County Bar Association  
130 Fourth Ave S  
Franklin, TN 37064

Rachel Moses  
Putnam County Bar Association  
9 S Jefferson Ave., Ste 102  
Cookeville, TN 38501

David Myers  
Union County Bar Association  
P O Box 13  
Maynardville, TN 37807

Timothy Naifeh  
Lake County Bar Association  
227 Church St  
Tiptonville, TN 38079

Tommy Parker  
Memphis Bar Association  
165 Madison Ave Ste 2000  
Memphis, TN 38103

Beau Pemberton  
Weakley County Bar Association  
PO Box 789  
Dresden, TN 38225

Erin Poland  
Montgomery County Bar Association  
408 Franklin St  
Clarksville, TN 37040

Tim Potter  
Dickson County Bar Association  
210 E. College St.  
Dickson, TN 37055

Brian Rife  
Bristol Bar Association  
110 Piedmont Avenue Suite 202  
Bristol, VA 24201

Alan Rose  
Cumberland County Bar Association  
1183 Lawrence Rd  
Murfreesboro, TN 37128--5706

Dora Salinas  
Cheatham County Bar Association  
104 Frey St  
Ashland City, TN 37015

Dana Scott  
Hawkins County Bar Association  
1800 Huntington Woods Circle  
Kingsport, TN 37660

Linda Seely  
Memphis Bar Association  
116 Tuckahoe Rd  
Jackson, TN 38305

Randall Self  
Lincoln County Bar Association  
P O Box 501  
Fayetteville, TN 37334

Amber Shaw  
Tipton County Bar Association  
114 W. Liberty Avenue, Suite 300  
Covington, TN 38019

Tom Sherrard  
Nashville Bar Association  
150 3rd Ave S #1100  
Nashville, TN 37201-2011

Marietta Shipley  
Nashville Bar Association  
2809 Wimbledon Rd.  
Nashville, TN 37215

Ashley Shudan  
Loudon County Bar Association  
PO Box 905  
Loudon, TN 37774

Gary Smith  
Memphis Bar Association  
6070 Poplar Ave #600  
Memphis, TN 38119-3954

Craig Smith  
Chattanooga Bar Association  
832 Georgia Ave Ste 1000  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

David Stanifer  
Claiborne County Bar Association  
PO Box 217  
Tazewell, TN 37879

James Taylor  
Rhea County Bar Association  
1374 Railroad St Ste 400  
Dayton, TN 37321

Harriet Thompson  
Hardeman County Bar Association  
P O Box 600  
Bolivar, TN 38008

Albert Wade  
Paris-Henry County Bar Association  
70 Dowdy Lane  
Paris, TN 38242

Tyler Weiss  
Monroe County Bar Association  
333 E. Harper Ave.  
Maryville, TN 37804

Bernadette Welch  
Nashville Bar Association  
PO Box 158603  
Nashville, TN 37215

John White  
Bedford County Bar Association  
P O Box 169  
Shelbyville, TN 37162

Derreck Whitson  
Cocke County Bar Association  
P.O. Box 1230  
Newport, TN 37822

John Lee Williams  
Humphreys County Bar Association  
102 S Court Square  
Waverly, TN 37185

John Willis  
Anderson County Bar Association  
310 N. Main St.  
Clinton, TN 37716-3752

Matthew Willis  
Dyer County Bar Association  
PO Box H  
Dyersburg, TN 38025

Marsha Wilson  
Knoxville Bar Association  
P O Box 2027  
Knoxville, TN 37901

Lindsey Wise  
Greene County Bar Association  
131 S MAIN ST STE 102  
GREENEVILLE, TN 37743

Gigi Woodruff  
Nashville Bar Association  
150 4th Avenue N; Suite 1050  
Nashville, TN 37219

Elizabeth Youmans  
Fifteenth Judicial District Bar  
Association  
119 Public Square  
Lebanon, TN 37087



Kenneth Anderson  
National Bar Association, Ben Jones  
Chapter  
PO Box 3493  
Memphis, TN 38173

Syd Beckman  
Lincoln Memorial University Duncan  
School of Law  
601 West Summit Hill Dr.  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Suanne Bone  
Tennessee Association of Criminal  
Defense Lawyers  
121 21st Ave. N., Ste. 311  
Nashville, TN 37203-5276

Emily Campbell Taube  
Association for Women Attorneys  
80 Monroe Avenue, Ste 700  
Memphis, TN 38103

Erik Cole  
Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services  
50 Vantage Way Suite 250  
Nashville, TN 37228

Amanda Dunn  
SETLAW  
P.O. Box 151  
Chattanooga, TN 37401

Greg Grisham  
Federal Bar Association Memphis  
Chapter  
999 Shady Grove Road, Suite 110  
Memphis, TN 38120

Stephen Johnson  
Tennessee Association of Criminal  
Defense Lawyers  
606 W Main Ave Ste 300  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Charles Key  
Tennessee Bar Foundation  
1407 Union Avenue, Suite 700  
Memphis, TN 38104--3641

Karol Lahrman  
Tennessee Lawyers Association for  
Women  
PO Box 331214  
Nashville, TN 37203

Ursula Bailey  
National Bar Association, William  
Henry Hastie Chapter  
422 S. Gay St. Ste 301  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Barri Bernstein  
Tennessee Bar Foundation  
618 Church St Suite 120  
Nashville, TN 37219

Lucie Brackin  
Association for Women Attorneys  
65 Union Ave., 9th Floor, Cotton  
Exchange Bldg.  
Memphis, TN 38103

Bryan Capps  
Tennessee Association for Justice  
550 Main Ave Ste 600  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Walter Crouch  
Federal Bar Association Nashville  
Chapter  
P O Box 198966  
Nashville, TN 37219

Melanie Gober  
Lawyers Association for Women  
Marion Griffin Chapter  
P O Box 190583  
Nashville, TN 37219

Chris Guthrie  
Vanderbilt University School of Law  
131 21st Ave. South, Room 108  
Nashville, TN 37203-1181

Laura Keeton  
Lawyers Fund for Client Protection  
PO Box 647  
Huntingdon, TN 38344

Kaz Kikkawa  
Tennessee Asian Pacific American Bar  
Association  
One Park Plaza 1-4-E  
Nashville, TN 37203

Joe Loser  
Nashville School of Law  
4013 Armory Oaks Drive  
Nashville, TN 37204

John Barringer  
Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association  
150 4th Ave N, Ste 2200  
Nashville, TN 37219

Doug Blaze  
University of Tennessee College of  
Law  
1505 W. Cumberland Ave Rm 278  
Knoxville, TN 37996

Jack Burgin  
Tennessee Commission on Continuing  
Legal Education and Specialization  
PO Box 629  
Knoxville, TN 37901

Hewitt Chatman  
National Bar Association, Ballard  
Taylor Chapter  
511 Algie Neely Rd  
Denmark, TN 38391

Jackie Dixon  
Tennessee Bar Association  
424 Church St Suite 2260  
Nashville, TN 37219

David Green  
National Bar Association, Napier-  
Looby Chapter  
PO Box 198966  
Nashville, TN 37219-8966

Lela Hollabaugh  
Board of Professional Responsibility  
1600 Division St. Suite 700  
Nashville, TN 37203

Suzanne Keith  
Tennessee Association for Justice  
1903 Division St  
Nashville, TN 37203

Jeff Kinsler  
Belmont University College of Law  
1900 Belmont Blvd  
Nashville, TN 37212

Scott McGinness  
Tennessee Board of Law Examiners  
832 Georgia Ave Ste 1000  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Judy McKissack  
Tennessee Commission on Continuing  
Legal Education and Specialization  
221 Fourth Avenue North Suite 300  
Nashville, TN 37219

Nikki Pierce  
Federal Bar Association Northeast  
Tennessee Chapter  
129 West Depot St Ste 100  
Greeneville, TN 37745

Kristi Rezabek  
Tennessee Lawyers Association for  
Women  
231 Algie Neely Rd  
Jackson, TN 38301

William Kratzke  
University of Memphis Cecil C.  
Humphreys School of Law  
1 North Front St.  
Memphis, TN 38103

Chris Varner  
Federal Bar Association Chattanooga  
Chapter  
835 Georgia Ave, Suite 800  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Lisa Perlen  
Tennessee Board of Law Examiners  
66 Wyn Oak  
Nashville, TN 37205

Mario Ramos  
Tennessee Association of Spanish  
Speaking Attorneys  
611 Commerce St Suite 3119  
Nashville, TN 37203

Chantelle Roberson  
National Bar Association, S.L.  
Hutchins Chapter  
1 Cameron Hill Circle  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

William Stover  
Tennessee Alliance for Black Lawyers  
500 Church St Ste 450  
Nashville, TN 37219

Tony Vick  
Board of Professional Responsibility  
10 Cadillac Drive, Suite 220  
Brentwood, TN 37027

Andrea Perry  
Tennessee Alliance for Black Lawyers  
511 Union Street, Suite 1600  
Nashville, TN 37219

Allan Ramsaur  
Tennessee Bar Association  
221 4th Ave N Suite 400  
Nashville, TN 37219

Mary Smith  
Lawyers Association for Women  
Marion Griffin Chapter  
401 Commerce St., Ste. 700  
Nashville, TN 37219-2484

Libby Sykes  
Administrative Offices of the Courts  
511 Union St Suite 600  
Nashville, TN 37219

Terry Woods  
East TN Lawyers Association for  
Women  
502 S Gay St Suite 404  
Knoxville, TN 37902