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IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND TENN. SUP. CT. R. 9, SECTION 10.1

No. ADM 2024-00922

**PETITION OF THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO
AMEND TENN. SUP. CT. R. 9, SECTION 10.1**

The Board of Professional Responsibility (the Board) petitions this Court to amend Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 10.1 to make attorney's personal information confidential.

Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, §10.1 requires every non-exempt attorney to file an annual registration statement, setting forth the attorney's residence, office, and email addresses with the Board. Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §10.1 provides:

“[T]he attorney's residence address, cellular telephone number, home telephone number and personal non-government issued email address are confidential and not public records. If, however, (1) the attorney failed to provide an office address, office telephone number, or office email address; or (2) the attorney listed the residence address, cellular telephone number or home telephone number, or personal non-governmental issued email address as the attorney's office address, office telephone number, or office email address respectively, then the attorney's nonpublic information of the same category shall no longer be subject to the protection afforded under the Rule.”

To protect personally identifiable information of Tennessee attorneys and retired judges, the Board proposes amending Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §10.1, by deleting the provision making public the attorney's personal information as follows:

10.1 Every attorney admitted to practice before the Court, except those exempt under Section 10.3 (b) and (c), shall, on or before the first day of their birth month, file with the Board at its central office an annual

registration statement, on a form prescribed by the Board, setting forth the attorney's current residence, office, and email addresses, and such other information as the Board may direct. The attorney's residence address, cellular telephone number, home telephone number, and personal non-government issued email address are confidential and not public records. ~~If, however, (1) the attorney failed to provide an office address, office telephone number, or office email address; or (2) the attorney listed the residence address, cellular telephone number or home telephone number, or personal non-government issued email address as the attorney's office address, office telephone number, or office email address respectively, then the attorney's nonpublic information of the same category shall no longer be subject to the protection afforded under this Rule.~~ The attorney may designate the primary or preferred address for receipt of correspondence from the Board. In addition to such annual statement, every attorney shall file electronically with the Board through the Board's Attorney Portal as necessary, a supplemental statement of any change in information previously submitted within thirty days of such change.

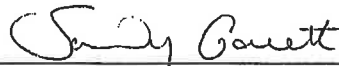
The Board petitions this Court to amend Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 10.1 to improve the safety of Tennessee attorneys and judges. The proposed redline amendment is attached as Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted,

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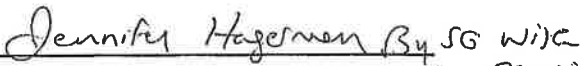


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I certify that the foregoing has been emailed to Sheree Wright, Esq., Executive Director, Tennessee Bar Association, at swright@tnbar.org, on this 18th day of June, 2024.

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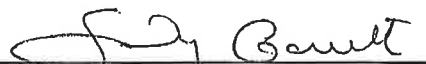
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Exhibit A

Rule 9: Disciplinary Enforcement

Section 10. Periodic Assessment of Attorneys

10.1. Every attorney admitted to practice before the Court, except those exempt under Section 10.3(b) and (c), shall, on or before the first day of their birth month, file with the Board at its central office an annual registration statement, on a form prescribed by the Board, setting forth the attorney's current residence, office, and email addresses, and such other information as the Board may direct. The attorney's residence address, cellular telephone number, home telephone number, and personal non-government issued e-mail address are confidential and not public records. ~~If, however, (1) the attorney failed to provide an office address, office telephone number, or office email address; or (2) the attorney listed the residence address, cellular telephone number or home telephone number, or personal non-government issued e-mail address as the attorney's office address, office telephone number, or office e-mail address respectively, then the attorney's nonpublic information of the same category shall no longer be subject to the protection afforded under this Rule.~~ The attorney may designate the primary or preferred address for receipt of correspondence from the Board. In addition to such annual statement, every attorney shall file electronically with the Board through the Board's Attorney Portal as necessary a supplemental statement of any change in information previously submitted within thirty days of such change.