

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: PETITION OF MEDIATION ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE  
TO REQUIRE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EDUCATION**

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**No. M2000-01562-SC-OT-CV**

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**ORDER**

On June 28, 2000, the Mediation Association of Tennessee filed its Petition to Require Alternative Dispute Resolution Education. Because the proposed petition raised issues of important public policy, the Court entered an order on August 29, 2000, soliciting responses to the petition from the Bar and the public. The order requested that responses be filed in the Nashville office of Appellate Court Clerk by December 1, 2000. On November 29, 2000, this Court entered an order granting the petitioner's motion to extend the comment period to January 31, 2001. The Court received a number of thoughtful and constructive responses from various practicing attorneys and bar associations, and wishes to thank all who participated for their valuable input.

After due consideration, it is ORDERED that the Mediation Association of Tennessee's Petition to Require Alternative Dispute Resolution Education is hereby denied.

FOR THE COURT:

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E. RILEY ANDERSON, CHIEF JUSTICE