IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: PETITION OF TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION: EMPLOYMENT OF DISBARRED, SUSPENDED, AND DISABLED LAWYERS

No. M2009-00063-SC-RL1-RL -Filed May 22, 2009

ORDER

On January 13, 2009, the Tennessee Bar Association ("TBA") filed a petition seeking the adoption of rules regarding the employment and reinstatement of disbarred, suspended, and disabled lawyers. Specifically, the TBA asked the Court to amend Supreme Court Rule 9, section 18.7, to amend Supreme Court Rule 8 by adopting Rule of Professional Conduct 5.8, and to amend Supreme Court Rule 9 by adopting a new section 19.9. On March 17, 2009, the Board of Professional Responsibility ("BPR") filed a response in opposition to the TBA's petition.

Upon consideration of the TBA's petition and the BPR's response, the Court declines at this time to adopt the proposed amendments to Supreme Court Rules 8 and 9. Accordingly, the petition is DENIED. The costs associated with this matter are hereby waived.

It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM