IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND RULE 21, SECTION 4.07(c), RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT

No. M2008-02539-SC-RL1-RL- Filed: December 10, 2008

ORDER

The Tennessee Bar Association has petitioned this Court to amend Section 4.07(c) of Rule 21 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. The proposed amendment would change the ethics and professionalism credit awarded for providing pro bono legal representation from one hour of credit for every eight billable hours of legal representation to one hour of credit for every five billable hours of pro bono legal representation. The petition of the Tennessee Bar Association and the Exhibits thereto are attached to this Order.

In the interest of providing prompt and fair consideration of the important public policy issues raised by the petition, the Court hereby solicits written comments from judges, lawyers, bar associations, members of the public, and any other interested parties. The deadline for submitting written comments is February 9, 2009. Written comments should be addressed to:

Mike Catalano, Clerk Tennessee Appellate Courts 100 Supreme Court Building 401 7th Avenue North Nashville, TN 37219-1407

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this order, including the attached Petition and Exhibits thereto, to LexisNexis and to Thomson-West. In addition, this order, including the attached Petition and Exhibits thereto, shall be posted on the Tennessee Supreme Court's website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

JANICE M. HOLDER, CHIEF JUSTICE