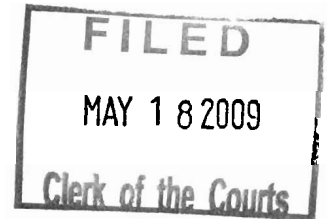


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE



**IN RE: AMENDMENT TO RULE 7, SECTION 10.03,  
RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT**

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**ORDER**

Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7, § 10.03 governs law-student practice by eligible law students participating in an approved law school clinical program, furnishing assistance through a legal aid program, or serving as an assistant to a licensed attorney working for one of the public agencies listed in Section 10.03(a). The Court hereby amends Section 10.03(a) by deleting the existing language in its entirety and replacing it with the following new Section 10.03(a):

(a) Any law student who has successfully completed one-half of the legal studies required for graduation from any school of law from which a graduate is eligible under this rule to take the Tennessee bar examination may, with the written approval of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, provide legal services to, and/or may appear in any municipal, county, or state court on behalf of, any person or entity financially unable to afford counsel or on behalf of the state of Tennessee or of any municipal or county government; provided, however, that the law student is participating in a law school clinical program, furnishing assistance through a legal aid program, or serving as an assistant to a District Attorney General, Public Defender, the State's Attorney General, the general counsel of any state agency, or a county or municipal legal director's office, and that the law student is under the immediate and personal supervision of a member of the law school's faculty, a licensed legal aid attorney, a District Attorney General or designated Assistant District Attorney General, a District Public Defender or designated Assistant District Public Defender, the Attorney General of Tennessee or any assistant in his or her office, the general counsel of any state agency or any staff attorney in his or her office, or the director of a county or municipal legal office or designated staff attorney.

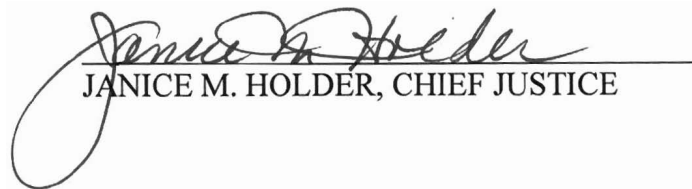
The Court also adopts the following explanatory comment regarding the amendment, which comment shall be published with the amended Section 10.03(a):

**Explanatory Comment [2008].** Subsection 10.03(a) is amended so that, to be eligible to provide legal services under this section, a law student is no longer required to attend a law school located in the State of Tennessee. Rather, the amendment extends the provisions of this section to students enrolled in any law school from which a graduate would be eligible to take the Tennessee bar examination.

This amendment shall take effect upon the filing of this Order.

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this order to LexisNexis and Thomson-West, as well as the Attorney General & Reporter, the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference, the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference, the Tennessee Bar Association, and the respective deans of the Nashville School of Law, the University of Memphis School of Law, the University of Tennessee College of Law, and Vanderbilt University Law School. In addition, this order shall be posted on the Tennessee Supreme Court's website.

FOR THE COURT:



JANICE M. HOLDER, CHIEF JUSTICE

**Cathy Collier-Memphis - Order on Rule 7, Section 10.03**

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Janice,

Attached for entry is an order in the above-captioned matter. I will forward the paper copy by US Mail. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thanks -Cathy