

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Appellate Court Clerk

**IN RE: ORDER ESTABLISHING SUPREME COURT RULE 35 --
ADOPTION OF STANDARD FORMAT FOR APPELLATE COURT
OPINIONS AND ORDERS**

The Court hereby establishes a rule adopting a standard format for appellate court opinions, orders, and similar documents pursuant to the recommendations of the Tennessee Supreme Court Advisory Commission on Technology. It is ORDERED that the rule set forth herein be and is hereby adopted as Rule 35 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

Rule 35. Standard Format for Appellate Court Opinions and Orders.

- (a) All papers prepared for filing by the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the Court of Criminal Appeals, or any justice or judge thereof, shall be on 8 ½ by 11 inch paper. This requirement applies to opinions, orders, judgments, mandates, and other similar documents.
- (b) In addition to the requirements in Section (a), all opinions and orders prepared for filing by the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the Court of Criminal Appeals, or any justice or judge thereof, shall use the standard format approved by this Court for use by all appellate courts.
- (c) The briefs and other papers filed by the parties in the appellate courts shall continue to be governed by Tenn. R. App. P. 30.

- (d) This rule shall apply to all papers prepared by Tennessee's appellate courts for filing on or after April 1, 2000.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

E. Riley Anderson, Chief Justice

Frank F. Drowota, Justice

Adolpho A. Birch, Jr., Justice

Janice M. Holder, Justice

William M. Barker, Justice