

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE**

**1. IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO TENNESSEE RULES
OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

Filed January 15, 2004

ORDER

In a separate order filed simultaneously with this order, the Court adopted new Rule 8A of the Rules of Appellate Procedure; that new rule establishes certain procedures to expedite appeals in termination of parental rights cases. To facilitate the implementation of Rule 8A of the Rules of Appellate Procedure, the Court adopts the following new Rule 9A of the Rules of Civil Procedure, effective July 1, 2004, subject to approval by resolutions of the General Assembly:

Rule 9A. Petition for Termination of Parental Rights; Content of Petition. In addition to meeting all other applicable rules governing the filing of pleadings, any complaint or petition seeking a termination of parental rights shall contain the following notice: A Any appeal of the trial court 's final disposition of the complaint or petition for termination of parental rights will be governed by the provisions of Rule 8A, Tennessee Rules of Appellate Procedure, which imposes special time limitations for the filing of a transcript or statement of the evidence, the completion and transmission of the record on appeal, and the filing of briefs in the appellate court, as well as other special provisions for expediting the appeal. All parties must review Rule 8A, Tenn. R. App. P., for information concerning the special provisions that apply to any appeal of this case.

FOR THE COURT:

FRANK F. DROWOTA, III,
CHIEF JUSTICE