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Clerk of the Courts

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT

No. M2013-00548-SC-RL2-RL

## **ORDER**

Public Chapter 819 of the Acts of 2012 dissolved the Court of the Judiciary and replaced it with the Board of Judicial Conduct, effective July 1, 2012. It has come to the Court's attention that two Rules of the Supreme Court contain now obsolete references to the Court of the Judiciary. Accordingly, the Court hereby amends Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 8, RPC 8.3(b), and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 10, "APPLICATION," "APPLICABILITY OF THIS CODE," Comment [4], as set out in the attached Appendix. These amendments shall take effect upon the filing of this Order.

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this order to LexisNexis and to Thomson Reuters. In addition, this order shall be posted on the Tennessee Supreme Court's website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

PER CURIAM

## **APPENDIX**

## AMENDMENTS TO TENN. SUP. CT. R. 8, RPC 8.3(b), and TENN. SUP. CT. R. 10

Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 8, RPC 8.3(b), is amended to read as follows:

(b) A lawyer who knows that a judge has committed a violation of applicable rules of judicial conduct that raises a substantial question as to the judge's fitness for office shall inform the Disciplinary Counsel of the Board of Judicial Conduct.

Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 10, "APPLICATION," "APPLICABILITY OF THIS CODE," Comment [4], is amended to read as follows:

[4] The Secretary of State, in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated section 4-5-321(b), adopted a code of conduct for all administrative judges and hearing officers:

Tenn. Rules and Regs. Ch. 1360-4-1-.20. Code of Judicial Conduct.

Unless otherwise provided by law or clearly inapplicable in context, the Tennessee Code of Judicial Conduct, Rule 10, Canons 1 through 4, of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court, and any subsequent amendments thereto, shall apply to all administrative judges and hearing officers of the State of Tennessee. However, any complaints regarding any individual administrative judge's or hearing officer's conduct under the code shall be made to the chief administrative judge or hearing officer or other comparable entity with supervisory authority over the administrative judge or hearing officer, and any complaints about the chief administrative judge or hearing officer shall be made to the appointing authority.

The provisions of Tennessee law dealing with the Board of Judicial Conduct are not applicable to administrative judges and hearing officers of the State of Tennessee. See Tenn. Code Ann. Title 17, Chapter 5.