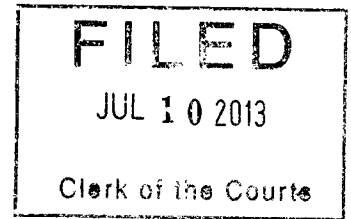


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



**IN RE: RULE 13, SECTION 7,
RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT**

No. M2011-01411-RL2-RL

On May 12, 2012 the Court entered an Order establishing a pilot project under Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 13 to assess the feasibility of contracting with attorneys, law firms, or an association of attorneys for representation of indigent defendants facing contempt charges for failure to pay child support. This pilot project has been conducted in the Davidson County Juvenile Court from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

The Administrative Director was authorized to enter into contracts for such services in Davidson County, and a solicitation for proposals was conducted. Contracts were awarded to 15 attorneys and established a fixed fee for representation. Two attorneys left early in the project to accept other employment, and thirteen attorneys have participated since then.

As the AOC gathered data necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the project, it became apparent that, in order to gain a clear understanding of the data, additional time would need to be added to the project to allow for (1) completion of cases begun prior to July 1, 2012 (and billed at traditional hourly rates), but not completed until after July 1, and (2) submission of all claims for cases commenced after July 1, 2012 which lasted beyond June 30, 2013. For that reason, the AOC asked the Court to extend the effective dates of the pilot project to enable the AOC to gather a complete dataset encompassing one complete year of representation pursuant to the contract system.

After due consideration, the Court hereby amends paragraph (a) of the temporary supplemental provisions of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 13 adopted in the Order filed on May 12, 2012 by deleting the stated termination date of the pilot project ("June 30, 2013") and by replacing it with the new termination date of "June 30, 2014." As amended, the temporary supplemental provisions of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 13 previously adopted by the Court shall remain in effect until June 30, 2014. Because the supplemental provisions are of limited duration, however, they are not to be published as an amendment to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 13.

The Court is advised that all of the attorneys involved in the project are agreeable to continuing the project on the same terms and conditions for an additional year. The Court therefore authorizes the Administrative Director to execute a contract amendment with these attorneys to effectuate this extension.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

PER CURIAM