IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND RULE 21, SECTION 4.07(c), RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT

No. M2008-02539-SC-RL1-RL

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ORDER

The Tennessee Bar Association has petitioned this Court to amend Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 21, § 4.07(c) to change the ethics and professionalism credit awarded for providing pro bono legal representation from one hour of credit for every eight billable hours of legal representation to one hour of credit for every five billable hours of legal representation. On December 10, 2008, the Court published the TBA's Petition, including the proposed amendment, for public comment and set February 9, 2009, as the deadline for submitting written comments.

Following the expiration of the public-comment period, and after due consideration of the TBA's petition, the Court hereby amends Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 21, § 4.07(c) to read as follows:

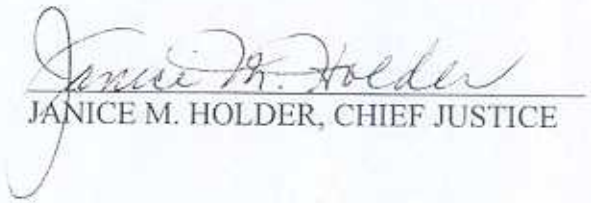
> (c) Ethics and professionalism credit at the rate of one hour of credit for every five billable hours of pro bono legal representation provided through court appointment, an organized bar association program or legal services organization, or of pro bono mediation services as required by Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 or the Federal Court Mediation Programs established by the United States District Courts in Tennessee. The change in the number of billable hours from eight (8) per one hour of credit to five (5) per one hour of credit shall lapse on December 31, 2014, unless renewed by the Court. The TCCLES shall study the effect of the change in recruitment of lawyers to undertake pro bono representation and report the effect of the change.

This amendment shall become effective on April 3, 2009, the filing date of this order.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:



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