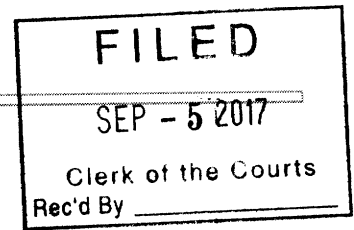


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I am an attorney who practiced law for 30 years and ceased practicing law in order to devote myself full time to mediation. If I had learned about Collaborative Law earlier, I might still be practicing law, as I believe it is an excellent option for selected parties seeking a divorce without the polarizing effects of many typical lawyer driven divorces.

I applaud the Supreme Court in proposing these rules to outline and define, by court rule, the collaborative practice of law in Tennessee. Please accept this letter (transmitted via email only) as support for the proposed rule.

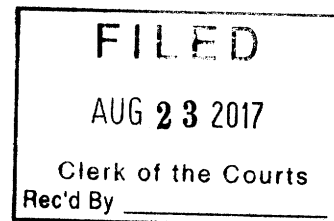
Thank you kindly for considering my comments.

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IN RE: COLLABORATIVE FAMILY LAW PETITION COMMENTS

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Dear Mr. Hivner:

Wow! Yet another way that, respectfully, our Supreme Court is chipping away at the profession of law, as it helps all the farmers and "lawyer haters" (e.g. former court reporter Mae Beavers) in the General Assembly, who gut our noble profession with their votes in the House and Senate, and then go to the latest party thrown for the legislators by their favorite lobbyist of choice, usually the insurance lobby, the manufacturers' lobby, or the health care lobby, where booze and "other pleasures" (if you get my drift) are freely available to our solons. Why our learned Supreme Court has to facilitate this has never been comprehended by my rather small mind here in this small-town hick practice I have in northeast Tennessee. The only thing this does is reduce the 5% of the cases our jurists actually try to 3%: still a "George Jetson"-like occupation.

Soon anyone from any "jake leg" institution who calls themselves a "mediator", "collaborative family lawyer," "collaborative lawyer" (are we now going to have "solicitors" and "barristers"?), "licensed mental health therapist," "CASA worker," and so forth will join the thousands of "poor, destitute, *pro se* litigants" and say: "I can be an attorney, also. I don't have to go through three years of Hell called law school. I don't have to prepare for the worst two days one can ever experience, the Bar Examination. I don't have to do any of this, because I'm a lawyer without portfolio!!!!!"

I have talked myself blue in the face with multi-page screeds having been sent on numerous occasions to comment on issues that are already *faits accompli*. Since this is one, I am saving my efforts for trying to make money to pay my increasing overhead, in a milieu in which law school graduates, most ill-prepared for the actual practice of law, are being churned out like cockroaches.

Yours very truly,

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(Just another put-upon small-town lawyer trying to hold his head above water)