# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

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## IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RULE 25, SECTION 5.03

No. ADM2019-01434

#### **ORDER**

On August 16, 2019, this Court entered an order soliciting comments with regard to proposed revisions to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 25, Section 5.03, which would allow the Tennessee Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Board to communicate their vote by telephone, facsimile, regular mail and electronic means.

No comments having been received from the bench, the bar, or the public, and after due consideration, the Court hereby amends the relevant provisions of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 25, Section 5.03, as set out in the attached Appendix to this Order. Section 5.03 and all other provisions shall be effective immediately upon the filing of this Order.

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

It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM

## **APPENDIX**[New text is indicated by underlining]

#### RULE 25: TENNESSEE LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION.

Section 5. Board Meetings.

- 5.01. The Board shall meet as frequently as necessary to carry out its duties, but no less than once per year.
- 5.02. The Chairperson shall call a meeting at any reasonable time, or upon the request of at least three members of the Board.
- 5.03. A quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be five members. <u>Unless otherwise permitted</u> by this Rule, an affirmative vote of five members of the Board shall be necessary to authorize any action. If time restraints are such that a regular or special meeting of the Board is impractical, Disciplinary Counsel shall circulate to the members of the Board in writing the reasons for the recommendation of a particular action supported by a factual report. Board members may communicate their vote for or against the recommendation by telephone, facsimile, regular mail, or electronic means. Any member of the Board may request that <u>Disciplinary Counsel convene a telephone conference of the Board, whereupon such conference must be convened with at least a quorum so conferring.</u>
- 5.04. Minutes of meetings shall be taken and permanently maintained by the Board.
- 5.05. Meetings by telephone conference are permitted.
- 5.06. When the Board is hearing a claim, approval of a claim shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of members present. See Section 10.08 for the procedures for hearing claims.