

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: AMENDMENT OF RULE 7, SECTIONS 5.01 AND 10.01,
RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT**

No. ADM2017-00489

ORDER

On March 15, 2017, the Tennessee Supreme Court filed an order soliciting public comments on the recommendation of the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners for the Supreme Court to amend Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7, sections 5.01(i) and 10.01(j). No written comments were received during the public-comment period. After due consideration, the Court hereby amends Rule 7, sections 5.01(i) and 10.01(j) as set out in the attached appendix. The 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

[Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7, sections 5.01(i) and 10.01(j), are amended as set out below, effective upon the filing of this Order; deletions are indicated by overstriking, and additions are indicated by underlining:]

Sec. 5.01. Minimum Requirements for Admission of Persons Admitted in Other Jurisdictions.

(i) **Transitional Provision.** ~~From January 1, 2016, and continuing through December 31, 2016,~~ †The Board is authorized to exercise its discretion in adjudicating any pending applications for comity admission ~~that have not been finally ruled upon as of the effective date (January 1, 2016) of this revised Rule filed by December 31, 2016.~~ Such discretion includes waiving or altering time periods or otherwise varying the provisions for admission by comity, and the Board shall tailor such discretion toward granting the applicant's application for comity admission as long as the Board otherwise reaches the conclusion that the lawyer possesses the character and fitness to practice law in this jurisdiction.

Sec. 10.01. Registration of In-house Counsel.

(j) A lawyer seeking to practice in this State under the authority of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 8, RPC 5.5(d)(1) and who complies fully with the requirements of this Rule on or before ~~July 1~~December 31, 2016, shall not be barred from registration under this Rule, admission pursuant to Article V of this Rule, or from practicing under the authority of RPC 5.5(d)(1) solely by the fact of prior noncompliance with Tennessee law concerning licensure of in-house counsel.

[end of Appendix]