

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RULE 9,
SECTION 32**

No. ADM2017-00554

ORDER

On March 13, 2017, the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility (“BPR”) filed a petition asking the Court to amend Rule 9, section 32 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The BPR’s proposed amendments are set out in the attached Appendix to this Order.

The Court hereby publishes the proposed amendments for public comment and solicits written comments from the bench, the bar, and the public. The deadline for submitting written comments is Monday, June 19, 2017. Written comments should be addressed to:

James M. Hivner, Clerk
Re: Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, section 32
Tennessee Appellate Courts
100 Supreme Court Building
401 7th Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37219-1407

and should reference the docket number set out above.

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 Court’s website.

It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM

APPENDIX

TENN. SUP. CT. R. 9, SECTION 32

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- 32.1 All matters, investigations, or proceedings involving allegations of misconduct by or the disability of an attorney, including ~~all hearings and~~ all information, records, minutes, correspondence, files or other documents of the Board, district committee members and Disciplinary Counsel shall be confidential and privileged, and shall not be public records or open for public inspection, except as otherwise provided in this Section.

All hearings held before a duly appointed hearing panel or Court shall be public, subject to the provisions of Section 32.6 and Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 30.