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Re: Proposed Amendments to the Tennessee Supreme Court
Rule 19; No. ADM2016-02842-1842

2016 SEP 28 PM 12:42
APPELLATE COURT CLERK
KNOXVILLE

Dear Mr. Hivner:

Pursuant to the Tennessee Supreme Court's Order referenced above, the Knoxville Bar Association ("KBA") Professionalism Committee (the "Committee") has carefully considered current Rule 19 and the proposed amendments thereto (the "Amendments"). At the KBA Board of Governors' (the "Board") Meeting held on September 21, 2016, the Committee presented a detailed report of its review of the Amendments. Among other things, questions arose as to the overall concern being addressed by the Amendments and there was some confusion as to the goal intended to be accomplished by the Amendments.

Following the Committee's presentation and thorough discussion by the Board, the Board as a whole unanimously adopted the Committee's recommendations. Those recommendations were as follows:

- (a) Request further information from the Court, if possible, of the overall concern which prompted the Amendments and the goal or goals to be accomplished by such Amendments;
(b) Request an extension of time to comment on the Amendments.

With this letter, the KBA is making both of these requests.

Members of the Board and members of the Committee recognize the importance of adopting the Supreme Court Rules to meet the needs of those who wish to appear pro hac vice. The KBA wants to consider the Amendments carefully in order to provide comprehensive and constructive comments. That is what lies at the foundation of seeking an extension of the comment period.

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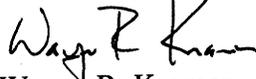
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As always, the KBA appreciates the opportunity to comment on proposed Rules promulgated by the Tennessee Supreme Court and we look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne R. Kramer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

Wayne R. Kramer  
President  
Knoxville Bar Association