

June 30, 2026

The Honorable James Hivner, Clerk
Tennessee Supreme Court
Supreme Court Building
401 Seventh Avenue North, Suite 321
Nashville, TN 37219-1407

Via email: appellatecourtclerk@tncourts.gov

Re: **Proposed Amendments to Rules 41 and 42**
Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court
No. ADM2026-00468
Comment of Tennessee Bar Association

Dear Mr. Hivner:

The Tennessee Bar Association ("TBA" or "Association") is grateful for the opportunity to comment on proposed changes to the Supreme Court Rules, and respectfully submits this comment on the changes to Rules 41 and 42 (which govern the Tennessee Language Access Program, including the Court Interpreter Program) proposed in the petition filed by the Tennessee Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission ("ATJC") on March 31, 2026 and published for such comment by the Court's Order of May 1, 2026. This comment by the Association incorporates a recommendation of the Association's Access to Justice Committee. The TBA now submits the following comments for the Tennessee Supreme Court's consideration.

The Tennessee Bar Association expresses its strong support for the proposed amendments to Tennessee Supreme Court Rules 41 and 42, as put forward by the Tennessee Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission, regarding the qualification and regulation of court interpreters.

Language should never be a barrier to meaningful participation in our justice system. The TBA commends the Commission for its diligent work in developing these proposals, which represent a meaningful step toward ensuring that individuals with limited English proficiency receive qualified interpreter services in Tennessee courts.

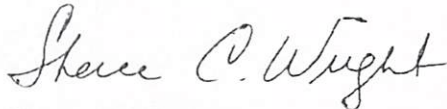


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While the TBA would encourage extending qualified interpreter services to non-court legal settings as well, we recognize the funding limitations that make such an expansion difficult at this time and appreciate the Commission's thoughtful approach in moving this important work forward.

We wish to thank the Court for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments and considering our comments. If any additional information is needed, we are happy to provide any additional materials.

Respectfully submitted,



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Good afternoon!

Please find attached the Tennessee Bar Association's Comment for filing in No. ADM2026-00468 regarding the proposed changes to Tennessee Supreme Court Rules 41 and 42. Please contact me if you have any difficulty with the attachment.

Best,
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