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VIA E-Mail: appellatecourtclerk@tncourts.gov

Mr. James Hivner
Clerk of the Supreme Court
100 Supreme Court Building
401 7th Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37219-1407

Re: Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 10.1

Dear Clerk Hivner,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Memphis Bar Association, please accept this letter as our comment on proposed changes to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, Section 10.1, which would authorize and require the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board") to provide, upon request of any Tennessee state-approved bar association, contact information about an attorney consisting of the attorney's phone number, email address, and physical address.

We believe the proposed amendment is necessary because the current rule does not define "members of the public" and does not include an express mechanism by which any local bar association can obtain contact information for attorneys for purposes of sharing the following types of information:

- 1) legal developments or opportunities,
- 2) press releases from state agencies such as the Board of Professional Responsibility, the Commission on Continuing Legal Education, or the Administrative Office of the Courts, and/or
- 3) any other state and local legal information relevant to the practice of law.

Additionally, the current restriction on sharing contact information prevents the Association from notifying attorneys about their eligibility in certain leadership and critical mentoring programs sponsored by the State and local bar associations.

We understand the objective behind the current rule is to protect Tennessee attorneys and retired judges from harm to their persons and property. The proposed amendment addresses these concerns by defining the information that would be shared with State and local bar associations and limiting its use. Additionally, the Association does not share any attorney's information with the public without the attorney's permission.

In closing, the Association respectfully requests that current Rule 9, Section 10.1 be amended to 1) define "members of the public" to exclude bar associations and 2) include a mechanism for bar associations to obtain attorney contact information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



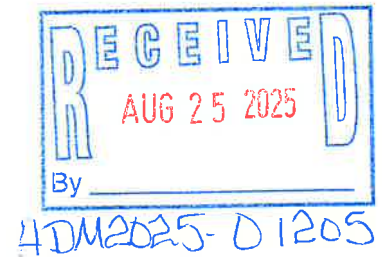
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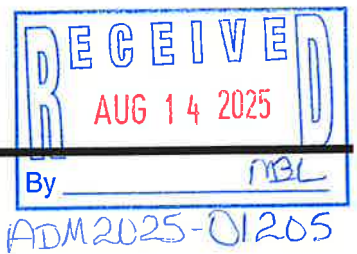
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I am writing to oppose the proposed TSC amendment allowing the release of personal information to bar associations in the State of Tennessee (Docket No. ADM2025-01205). Should attorneys within the State wish to avail themselves of "information that will benefit them and their practice[s]" provided by such associations, they are capable of opting *in* to communications (the current practice). The number of subscribing attorneys already on the rolls of these organizations would likely demonstrate that many attorneys have already chosen to do so, such that the proposed amendment is unnecessary. Furthermore, bar associations would use the information sought to send "unsolicited emails" and make "undesired telephone calls" to attorneys who have chosen *not* to opt in, causing "annoyance" among this class of attorneys. (See paras. 9 and 10 of the Petition.) For the foregoing reasons, I would ask the Court to DENY the pending petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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This proposal does not impact Conference business but may be of interest to attorneys in the Conference.
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As outlined in the attached proposal. The TSC previously (2024) changed rules pertaining to what information about a licensed attorney is shared with the public by the BPR. This proposal wants to amend this rule again to permit Tennessee bar associations to have access to more information than is currently available to the public.

Again, this does not impact your work but may impact what is shared about your contact information on file with the BPR.

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