



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE AT
NASHVILLE

**IN RE: AMENDMENT OF TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RULE
31(15)(b)**

No. ADM2024-00714

ORDER

On May 16, 2024, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission (“ADRC”) filed a petition asking this Court to consider adopting an amendment to Rule 31(15)(a)(5) to permit the ADRC to exercise discretion when considering a Rule 31 application training requirement. On June 03, 2024, the Court entered an order inviting the bench, the bar, and the public to submit written comments on the ADRC’s proposal and set a deadline of August 4, 2024.

In response to the petition, the Court received and reviewed responses from ADRC, the Knoxville Bar association, the Tennessee Bar Association, and private individuals. The Court expresses its appreciation for all the responses. After due consideration the Court hereby amends Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31(15)(b) as set out in the appendix to this Order. The effective date of the revisions to Rule 31(15)(b) shall be November 1, 2024.

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this Order and Appendix to LexisNexis and to Thomson Reuters. In addition, this Order and Appendix shall be posted on the Court’s website.

It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM

APPENDIX

Amendment to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31(15)(b)

[New text is indicated by underlining]

Annual Renewal of Rule 31 Mediator Status. As a condition of continued listing, each Rule 31 Mediator must file an annual renewal form with the AOC Programs Manager stating that he/she is in good standing with any professional licensing agency or organization, if applicable, provide proof of attendance/completion of required continuing mediation education, and must pay the annual registration fee set by the ADRC. If all requirements of a Rule 31 Mediator's annual renewal have not been completed by March 31 of the renewal year, then the Rule 31 Mediator's listing lapses. The ADRC may grant a training waiver upon appropriate application for those whose credentials have lapsed for failure to comply with CME requirements pursuant to Rule 31(15)(a). for failure to timely renew under Rule 31(15)(b), or for any other reason deemed sufficient by the Commission.

(END OF APPENDIX)