

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the  
Appellate Courts

**IN RE: AMENDMENT TO RULE 34(2)(C), RULES OF THE TENNESSEE  
SUPREME COURT**

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**No. ADM2026-00714**

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**ORDER**

The Court hereby amends Rule 34(2)(C) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee as set forth in the attached Appendix. This amendment shall take effect immediately upon the filing of this Order.

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

PER CURIAM

**APPENDIX**

**AMENDMENT TO TENN. SUP. CT. R. 34(2)(C)**

**[Deleted text is indicated by overstriking,  
and new text is indicated by underlining.]**

RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

Rule 34

PUBLIC ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS

[Amend Rule 34(2)(C) as indicated below:]

**(2) Court Records.** (A) For the purposes of this Rule and the public records policies promulgated by the courts, a "record" includes any record defined as a "public record" in Tennessee Code Annotated section 10-7-503(a)(1)(A).

(B) Court Records include Case Records, Administrative Records, and Judicial Records.

(i) Case Record means any record created, collected, received, or maintained by the courts as a part of the official court file in connection with a particular case.

(ii) Administrative Record means any record created, collected, received, or maintained by the courts pertaining to the administration of the courts and not associated with a particular case.

(iii) Judicial Record means any record of the courts other than Case Records or Administrative Records.

(C) The following Court Records are not public records and shall be treated as confidential and shall not be open for inspection by members of the public:

(i) Documents expressly excepted from inspection under the Public Records Act,

Tennessee Code Annotated section 10-7-504, or otherwise excepted from inspection under state law, Tennessee Code Annotated section 10-7-503(a)(2)(A);

(ii) Documents protected from disclosure by order or rule of court, including but not limited to documents sealed pursuant to an order of the court or the subject of a protective order;

(iii) Unpublished drafts of judicial orders and opinions;

(iv) Copies, unless intentionally filed as part of the Case Record, of motions, petitions, briefs, and other similar documents filed with the clerks of the courts that have been furnished to a judge for his or her individual use;

(v) Written or electronic conference records, notes, memoranda, reports, or other documents of a similar nature prepared by a judge, judicial staff, or Administrative Office of the Courts on behalf of, or at the direction of, a court or judge. This includes written or electronic records, notes, memoranda, reports, or other documents of a similar nature created or received as part of a court's judicial or administrative deliberate process unless intentionally filed as part of the Case Record;

(vi) All internal case management information except for information concerning the composition of appellate case panels assigned to consider a particular case;

(vii) Information maintained by individual judges with regard to their recusal from particular cases unless the information is intentionally filed as part of the Case Record or unless it is subject to disclosure pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-50-501, 8-50-506 or Tenn. S. Ct. R. 10; ~~and~~

(viii) Information regarding threats to the personal safety of a judge, judicial staff, or court system employee and his or her family, as well as court security audits and enhancements.

This includes written or electronic records, notes, memoranda, reports, or other documents

of a similar nature created or received by a judge, judicial staff, or court system employee, the Administrative Office of the Courts, or any office staff or member of a board or commission created under authority of the Tennessee Supreme Court, unless intentionally disclosed or filed as otherwise required by law; and

(ixviii) Any other written or electronic record the disclosure of which would frustrate or interfere with the judicial function of the courts or potentially undermine the inherent constitutional powers granted the court, in addition to the powers recognized in Tennessee Code Annotated sections 16-3-501 through 16-3-504.