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Re: Proposed Amendments to Tennessee Supreme Court
Rule 19; No. ADM2016-~~02842~~ 01842

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Dear Mr. Hivner:

Pursuant to the Tennessee Supreme Court's Order referenced above, the Knoxville Bar Association (the "KBA") Professionalism Committee (the "Committee") carefully considered current Rule 19 and the proposed amendments thereto ("the Amendments") during its meeting on September 13, 2016. Upon the Committee's recommendation, the KBA Board of Governors (the "Board") voted to request further information and an extension of time to comment on the Amendments. The Tennessee Supreme Court graciously extended the comment period to November 10, 2016.

The Committee discussed the Amendments again at length during its October 11, 2016, meeting and presented a detailed report of its review to the Board during the Board's October 11, 2016 meeting with the recommendation to slightly revise the Amendments by deleting the words "most recently" from Rule 19(a)(1). The Committee reasoned that the inclusion of the words "most recently" create the potential for unintended consequences. By way of example, the Committee considered a JAG attorney licensed in California, who taught at Yale in the preceding year and then moves to Tennessee to serve as an adjunct for a year and is asked to serve in a Tennessee case Pro Hac Vice. Another example provided is a Tennessee resident who is licensed only in Virginia and practices in Virginia, but without an office in Virginia. The inclusion of the words "most recently" could impede the ability of either of these attorneys to serve Pro Hac Vice in a Tennessee case.

Following the Committee's presentation and thorough discussion by the Board, the Board unanimously adopted the Committee's recommendation. Accordingly, the KBA hereby approves the Amendments, except to recommend that the words "most recently" be deleted from Rule 19(a)(1).

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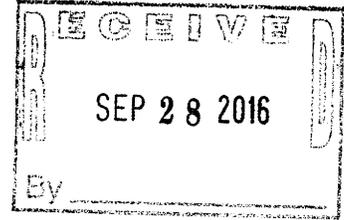
As always, the KBA appreciates the opportunity to comment on proposed Rules promulgated by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours very truly,

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Wayne R. Kramer
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September 26, 2016

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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.

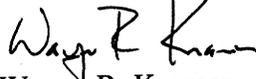
Members of the Board and members of the Committee recognize the importance of adopting the Supreme Court Rules to meet the needs of those who wish to appear pro hac vice. The KBA wants to consider the Amendments carefully in order to provide comprehensive and constructive comments. That is what lies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

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With kindest personal regards,

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