IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE PROPOSED REVISION OF RULE 46, RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT ("E-FILING RULE")

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COMMENT

The members of the Court of Appeals of Tennessee unanimously support the proposed amendments to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 46, believing the implementation of e-filing in the appellate courts will benefit both the bar and the courts, provided that the appellate judges, their law clerks, and staff attorneys be provided the proper tools to review e-filed PDF documents, including dual monitors, laptop/tablet hybrids, and secure wi-fi service in the three Supreme Court Buildings.

Dual monitors in particular are essential for efficient review of PDF documents while drafting opinions. Although our current monitors are sufficient for drafting opinions using printed briefs and records, our experience has shown that they are inadequate when the records or briefs are in PDF format. Laptop/tablet hybrids are also necessary, for these items will aid the court when the judges are on the bench and when they are working away from the office.

Without the appropriate tools to review PDF documents, the amendment of Rule 46 will simply shift the burden of printing briefs and other documents from the attorney's office to the judge's chambers. Thus to be effective, any implementation of the amendment of Rule 46 must be accompanied by a commitment to fund the acquisition of dual monitors and the other tools necessary for the judges and their staff to perform their duties using PDF documents rather than printed documents.

Charles D. Susano, Jr., Chief Judge

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Please have this comment to Proposed Rule 46 filed.

Jim

>>> Evan Nahmias <evan@cityllc.com> 8/18/2015 1:38 PM >>>
Jim:
The Supreme Court should not only mandate e filing on the appellate level, but should implement a statewide e-filing and docket system for all courts like Alabama, Pennsylvania, and many other states. The *variety* between individual counties (and districts) and court clerks leads to inconsistent statewide practices and increases costs to courts and litigants through mailings, storage of paper, pollution from overnighting or driving documents to the court, deforestation by virtue of printing off duplicates and file copies, and countless wasted labor hours in complying with "local" customs or rules and all of those factors impede an efficient administration of justice. By way of limited example, consider that the Knox and Shelby Counties General Sessions court clerk have completely different civil warrants (and approved circuit court cost bond formats) and while Shelby County freely gives case docket information, Davidson County requires an annual subscription costing hundreds of dollars (even if you have only one case), while Knox, Williamson, and Hamilton have little or no useful online information (the daily docket-how underwhelming). A central State run electronic filing system (akin to Mississippi's sparsely adopted and borrowed directly from the ECF/PACER style filing and docket management system) will greatly benefit the citizens, litigants, and, once they overcome the effrontery to their peculiarities, the various court clerk and judges of the State of Tennessee. Please draft Rule 46 to mandate such a system and I will gladly pay a fee for such certainty and ease (exactly like I do with the Federal PACER system).
Please let me know if I can assist in any of your endeavors.
Thanks
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Re: E-Filing

Dear Mr. Hivner:

I do a lot of federal criminal practice. Everything is electronic and has been for years. In the strongest possible way, I support e-filing appellate records, briefs, motions, notices, orders, and anything else. Send notices, orders, and anything else by email. Banish paper entirely. Electronic is immeasurably better in every way.

Respectfully,

Robert Brooks, Attorney

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Rule Change: Supreme Court Rule 30
Docket number: Rule 46
Your public comments: Excellent proposed rule. I wish we had it before my last appeal. Thanks for getting the ball moving again. These are the thing we need to do to bring the courts into the 21st century.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
http://www.tncourts.gov/node/602760/submission/12567