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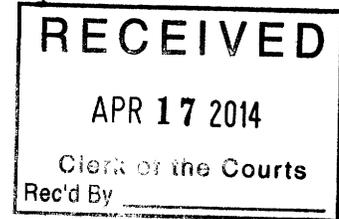
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Dear Mr. Catalano:

The TBA's petition to amend Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 10B addresses an issue which I think we, who served on the Task Force which made recommendations to the Supreme Court about the Rules of Judicial Conduct, did not, at the time, think necessary. I believe will be better for Rule 10B to be the exclusive remedy for appealing denial of a recusal motion. If the court does not agree I believe the alternative proposal to provide for a de novo standard of review will improve the recusal rules. I strongly endorse the petition of the Tennessee Bar Association.

Sincerely,

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