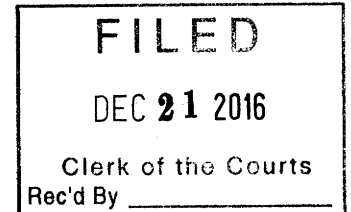


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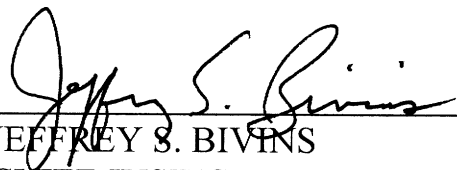
The Court adopts the attached amendment effective July 1, 2017, subject to approval by resolutions of the General Assembly. The rule amended is:

RULE 611 MODE AND ORDER OF
INTERROGATION AND PRESENTATION.

The text of the amendment is set out in the attached Appendix.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:



JEFFREY S. BIVINS
CHIEF JUSTICE

APPENDIX

**AMENDMENT TO THE
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TENNESSEE RULES OF EVIDENCE

RULE 611

MODE AND ORDER OF INTERROGATION AND PRESENTATION

[Add the new Advisory Commission Comment set out below; the text of the rule and the existing Comments are unchanged:]

Advisory Commission Comments [2017]

Nothing in these rules prohibits the court in its inherent authority from permitting a suitable animal, toy, or support person to accompany a witness who is shown to be at risk for being unable to communicate effectively without the aid of such comfort. *See State v. Juan Jose Reyes*, No. M2015-00504-CCA-R3-CD, 2016 WL 3090904 (Tenn. Crim. App. May 24, 2016), *perm. app. denied* (Tenn. Sept. 23, 2016).