

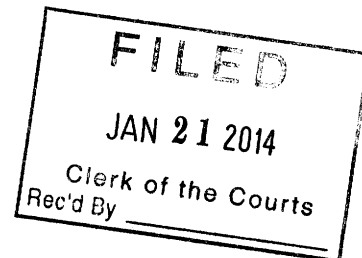
**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE**

**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF AMENDED  
TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RULE 21, SECTIONS 1.01 AND 10  
AND TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RULE 8, RPC 7.4(d) AND  
COMMENT [3] GOVERNING SPECIALIZATION**

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No. ADM2014-00012

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**ORDER**

On January 3, 2014, the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization (“Commission”) filed a petition asking this Court to amend section 10 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 21 by deleting the current language of section 10 in its entirety and by substituting the proposed new language for section 10 set out in Commission’s January 3, 2014 petition.<sup>1</sup> The proposed amendment of section 10 would remove the Commission from the process of certifying Tennessee lawyers as specialists but would require the Commission to maintain and publish a roster of Tennessee lawyers who have obtained certification from an organization accredited by the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates and registered such certification with the Commission.

To achieve consistency with its proposed amendment of Rule 21, section 10, the Commission also proposes to amend Rule 21, section 1.01, by eliminating the words “and Specialization” from the Commission’s formal title, and to amend Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 8, RPC 7.4(d) and Comment [3] to RPC 7.4, by revising the language of RPC 7.4 and Comment [3] to reflect the certification and registration process prescribed in the proposed amendment of Rule 21, section 10.

This Court hereby publishes the Commission’s January 3, 2014 petition containing the proposed amendments to Rule 21, sections 1.01 and 10 and Rule 8, RPC 7.4(d) and

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<sup>1</sup> On October 30, 2013, the Commission filed a separate petition requesting various amendments to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 21, one of which was to re-designate current section 10 as new section 11. On November 18, 2013, this Court published the October 30, 2013 petition for public comment and set the comment deadline for March 20, 2014. The amendments proposed by the January 3, 2014 petition relate to current Rule 21, section 10, not to the re-designated section 10 proposed by the Commission in its October 30, 2013 petition. Comments regarding the October 30, 2013 petition should reference docket number ADM2013-02417.

Comment [3] to RPC 7.4 and solicits written comments from the bench, the bar, and the public. The petition is attached as Appendix A to this Order. The deadline for submitting written comments is May 21, 2014. Written comments should be addressed to:

Mike Catalano, Clerk  
Re: Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 21  
Appellate Court Clerk's Office  
100 Supreme Court Building  
401 7th Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37219-1407

and should reference the docket number set out above.

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

PER CURIAM

**APPENDIX A**

***PETITION TO AMEND TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT RULE 21, SECTIONS  
1.01 AND 10 AND RULE 8, RPC 7.4(d) AND COMMENT [3] TO RPC 7.4***

***PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT***