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AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: PRO BONO SERVICE RULES AMENDMENTS

No. M2008-01403-SC-RL1-RL

ORDER

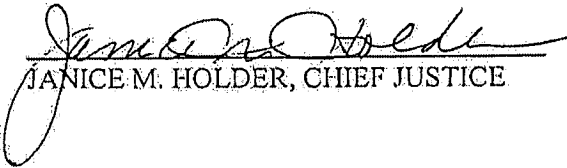
On April 3, 2009, the Court filed an order granting in part the Tennessee Bar Association's petition entitled *In Re: Pro Bono Service Rules Amendments*. In that order, the Court amended Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 8, RPC 6.1 and adopted the new RPC 6.5, effective January 1, 2010. The Court took under advisement the TBA's request to amend RPC 5.5 "until such time as the Court acts on the separately filed *Petition of the Tennessee Bar Association for the Adoption of Rules Governing the Multijurisdictional Practice of Law*." The Court also took under advisement the petition's request that "each lawyer be required to respond to a request for a report of the number of hours spent per year on pro bono legal services"; the Court referred that issue to the Access to Justice Commission for its consideration and recommendation.

Contemporaneous with the filing of this order, the Court is filing a separate order granting the TBA's petition to adopt rules governing the multijurisdictional practice of law. The TBA's request to amend Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 8, RPC 5.5, set out in this Pro Bono Services Petition, is granted in that separate order. Additionally, the TBA's request regarding the reporting of pro bono activities has now been acted upon by the Access to Justice Commission; the Court, under a separate docket number, has published and solicited public comments regarding a proposed rule providing for the voluntary reporting of pro bono activities.

With the filing of the separate order addressing the multijurisdictional practice amendments (including the amendment of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 8, RPC 5.5), and with the separate matter pending concerning the reporting of pro bono activities, all of the matters raised in the TBA's Pro Bono Services Petition have been acted upon by the Court. Accordingly, the Court hereby files this order formally closing this proceeding, No. M2008-01403-SC-RL1-RL, and the Clerk is hereby directed to close the Court's file in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:


JANICE M. HOLDER, CHIEF JUSTICE