

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

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**IN RE RULE 7  
RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT**

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**No. ADM2017-02083**

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**REQUEST OF THE TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION FOR EXTENSION  
OF TIME TO COMMENT**

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The Tennessee Bar Association (“TBA”), by and through its President, Lucian T. Pera; General Counsel, Edward Lanquist; and Executive Director, Joycelyn Stevenson, respectfully requests an extension of time, until January 31, 2018, in which to file written comments on the proposal to amend Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7. Governing Licensing of Attorneys.

On October 20, 2017, this Honorable Court published notice that it was considering changes to the rule governing the licensing of attorneys and permitting the adoption of the Uniform Bar Examination (“UBE”) beginning with the July 2018 administration of the Tennessee Bar Exam. At that time, the Court solicited written comments from judges, lawyers, bar associations, members of the public, and other interested parties concerning the proposed amendments. A deadline of January 5, 2018, was established.

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The TBA, not having a committee specifically designed to address this issue, determined that a small working group of relevant TBA members would be necessary to review and provide comments. The timing of the order and solicitation for comments does not permit enough time to develop comments for the previously scheduled October quarterly meeting of the TBA House of Delegates or the November quarterly meeting of the Board of Governors. The relatively short time period also makes the consideration of the proposals and any comments from the leadership of the association problematic. The TBA is requesting that the deadline for all parties to comment on the proposed changes to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 7 Governing the Licensing of Attorneys be extended by 16 days until January 31, 2018. That extension would allow the TBA to fully consider these matters, including consideration by the TBA House of Delegates and Board of Governors at their scheduled January meetings. The TBA believes with the extension it will be able to provide a comprehensive and constructive comment. Therefore, the TBA respectfully requests this extension of time.

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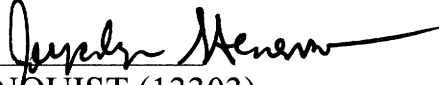
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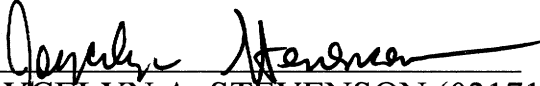
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