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IN RE: PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION OF A NEW
TENN. SUP. CT. R. 8, RPC 8.4(g)

No. ADM2017-02244

ORDER

On November 15, 2017, the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility ("BPR") and the Tennessee Bar Association ("TBA") filed a petition asking the Court to amend Rule 8, RPC 8.4 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court by adopting a new RPC 8.4(g). This proposed rule of professional conduct provision pertains to the prohibition of discrimination and harassment by attorneys in relation to the practice of law. By Order filed November 21, 2017, the Court published the BPR and TBA's proposed amendment for public comment with a comment deadline of March 21, 2018.

The Court has received in excess of four hundred (400) pages of comments to the proposed amendment to Rule 8, RPC 8.4, from members of the bar, members of the public, and various organizations, including the Knoxville Bar Association and the Memphis Bar Association. The Court appreciates the interest of the bar and the public in this matter, as well as the comments received.

The Court has carefully considered the BPR and TBA's proposed amendment, the comments received, including the points and issues raised therein, and this entire matter. Upon due consideration, the BPR and TBA's petition to adopt a new Rule 8, RPC 8.4(g) is respectfully DENIED. It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM

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