



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

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NOTICE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b), the Clerk of the Court hereby gives notice of and an opportunity for comment regarding the Court's proposal to amend the Eastern District of Tennessee Local Rule LR 83.6 (Rules of Professional Conduct). Additions are underlined and deletions are struck through.

The minimum standards of professional conduct before this Court include t~~The Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the Supreme Court of Tennessee are hereby adopted as rules of professional conduct~~insofar as they relate to matters within the jurisdiction of theis Court. Such rules are not exhaustive of the ethical standards the Court expects attorneys to meet. The Court has the obligation and responsibility to interpret and apply the RPC and other rules and standards of conduct without being bound by the decisions of Tennessee courts, other courts, or agencies.

Comments should be directed in writing to John L. Medearis, Clerk of Court, by January 15, 2019 at the above address.

Comments:

This Court has the inherent authority to discipline attorneys who appear before it for conduct deemed inconsistent with ethical standards imposed by the Court. Accordingly, the proposed amendment clarifies that the conduct of attorneys appearing before this Court must comply with the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct at a minimum, and that in interpreting the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct and other standards of conduct, the Court is not bound by the decisions of Tennessee courts or other courts and agencies.