

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Appellate Courts

**IN RE: PETITION TO STAY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FORMAL
ETHICS OPINION 2017-F-163**

No. M2018-01932-SC-BAR-BP

ORDER

The Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference (“TNDAGC”) has filed a petition to “stay the effectiveness of Formal Ethics Opinion 2017-F-163.” The petition notes that the Board of Professional Responsibility (“Board”) currently is reviewing this Formal Ethics Opinion following a public hearing held on September 14, 2018. The TNGADC requests that this Court stay the effectiveness of the opinion until June 1, 2019, or upon the conclusion of the Board’s evaluation process, whichever comes sooner.

On October 29, 2018, this Court ordered the Board to file a response to the petition of the TNDAGC. The Board filed a response on November 5, 2018, stating that it would “hold in abeyance any recommended disposition by a Hearing Committee Member or the Board of any disciplinary complaint filed against a prosecutor wherein Formal Ethics Opinion 2017-F-163 is referenced in the complaint” until the Board reconsiders Formal Ethics Opinion 2017-F-163. Upon due consideration, this Court hereby GRANTS the petition to stay the effectiveness of Formal Ethics Opinion 2017-F-163 until June 1, 2019, or upon completion of the Board’s evaluation process of the opinion, whichever comes sooner. IT IS SO ORDERED.

PER CURIAM