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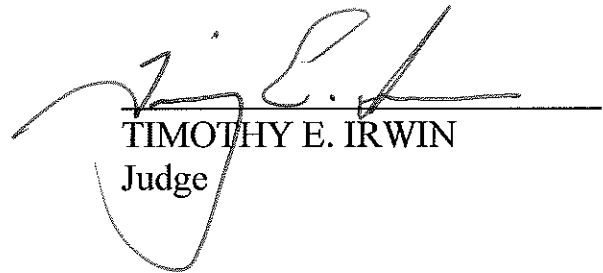
ORDER

Requests have been made by two groups of lawyers for additional meeting facilities in the lobby of the courthouse. Several attorneys apparently associating together as the Lawyers' Education Advocacy Project, Inc. (LEAP), have requested to be allowed to offer to provide *pro bono* legal services directly to a narrow class of juveniles charged with certain status offenses, specifically truancy offenses. Another request has been made by child support attorneys for a counter in the courthouse at which they can meet clients and fill out paperwork.

Members of LEAP have requested to solicit truancy clients in the courthouse, and to post a brochure in the courthouse. Truancy cases are open to the public, and juveniles have a right to be represented by counsel. Tennessee law does not permit the Court to appoint counsel for juveniles charged with status offenses including truancy. Accordingly, the Court welcomes all persons licensed to practice law in Tennessee who wish to provide *pro bono* legal services to juveniles charged with truancy or any other offenses. Brochures may be posted by such lawyers in designated locations in the courthouse so long as they are not misleading. Corporations may not practice law, and will not be permitted to solicit clients. Lawyers soliciting and providing *pro bono* services to clients in the courthouse shall do so only in strict compliance with Supreme Court Rule 8, Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Courthouse has limited conference room facilities which are available to all lawyers to meet with clients and potential clients on a first-come-first-served basis. In order further to accommodate both groups of lawyers, the Court will be installing a new counter in the lobby which it expects will be available by October 1, 2015. Child Support attorneys and other individual lawyers (whether or not associated with LEAP) may use this new counter to meet with clients or potential clients and to prepare paperwork in the courthouse.

Entered this 11~~12~~ day of August, 2015.


TIMOTHY E. IRWIN
Judge