## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA May 7, 2015

## <u>ORDER</u>

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 21(a)(1)(E), Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure, be amended to read in accordance with Appendix A to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Committee Comments to Amendment to Rule 21(a)(1)(E) Effective August 1, 2015, are adopted to read in accordance with Appendix B to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this amendment and the adoption of the Committee Comments are effective August 1, 2015;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following note from the reporter of decisions be added to follow Rule 21:

"Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending Rule 21(a)(1)(E), effective August 1, 2015, and adopting the Committee Comments to Rule 21(a)(1)(E) Effective August 1, 2015, is published in that volume of Alabama Reporter that contains Alabama cases from So. 3d."

Moore, C.J., and Stuart, Parker, Murdock, Shaw, Main, Wise, and Bryan, JJ., concur.

Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama

## APPENDIX A

Rule 21(a)(1)(E), Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure

(E) Appendix. An appendix including copies of any order or opinion or parts of the record that would be essential to an understanding of the matters set forth in the petition. The appendix shall contain an index listing separately each document in the appendix. The appendix shall be separated from the petition by a divider or tab, and each document within the appendix shall be separated by a divider or appropriate tab to identify and assist in locating the documents.

## APPENDIX B

Committee Comments to Amendment to Rule 21(a)(1)(E) Effective August 1, 2015

Rule 21(a)(1)(E) was modified to require a separate appendix filed with all petitions for a writ of mandamus or prohibition. The purpose of the appendix is to permit the parties to prepare and transmit copies of those portions of the record deemed necessary to an understanding of the issues presented. The Committee suggests that the documents in the appendix be separated into volumes of no more than 200 pages. The appendix should include an index to the documents contained in the appendix and should be divided to identify and assist in locating a specific document. The hard copy of any appendix and documents should be divided with tabs. In lieu of tabs, any appendix filed electronically should be demarcated by cover sheets that clearly identify the particular document that follows (e.g., "Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_" or "Tab").